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Much ado about *mutton*



'There's 5,000 guys trying to sell beef in Louisiana for a living, but no one is trying to sell lamb to eat.'

-Frank Boggs

By Sam Irwin



From Baton Rouge chemical engineer to Sugartown sheep farmer, it's been a long, strange trip for 59-year-old Frank Boggs.

No one goes into the Louisiana sheep business by design. It's unheard of. It's outrageous. How did it happen? The answer is in the numbers.

"There's 5,000 guys trying to sell beef in Louisiana for a living, but no one is trying to sell lamb to eat," Boggs said. "But it was an idea that developed slowly."

He sells Katahdin sheep, the domestic breed best suited for meat production.

The nouveau shepherd grew up in the northeastern corner of Beauregard Parish along La. 26 on land "better suited for pine trees." His family always had a variety of livestock—cattle, hogs, chickens—and his aunt and uncle were dairy farmers.

"They had dairy cows when you could make a living milking 28 cows," Boggs said.

Like many Louisiana rural families in the late 50s and 60s, the Boggs had no telephone service until Frank was of high school age. He left rural Beauregard to attend LSU in 1964, and upon his graduation in 1969, he entered the work force as a chemical engineer with a

large company located south of Baton Rouge along the Mississippi River.

But after 11 years as a cog in the chemical industry, Boggs became disenchanted.

"I was sick of it," he said. Packing up his wife and two children, Boggs returned to Beauregard Parish and began to live the life of a country squire. A "poor" country squire, he specified.

He bought his aunt and uncle's dairy pasture land in 1981 and stocked it with beef cattle, while his wife worked as an educator.

Always the analyst, Boggs bought two pregnant ewes in 1994 as a way to control weeds on the 200-acre spread, and while he wasn't having a problem with his cattle, the sheep helped to keep intestinal parasite infection in his beef herd to a minimum.

"The internal parasites that sheep and cattle have are not all the same," Boggs said. "If the sheep eat the larvae of the cattle parasites on the grass, the parasite dies inside the sheep. If the cattle eat the sheep larvae, the parasite expires in the intestines of the cattle."

An added benefit was Boggs and his family had all the lamb they could eat.

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Frank Boggs herds 300 Katahdin sheep toward his north pasture. "Grazing is the only way these sheep have of making a living," Boggs said. Since most lamb is imported from New Zealand, Boggs said his lamb meat is 10,000 miles fresher. Boggs promotes his quality lamb meat to a Red Stick Farmers' Market shopper.



Boggs Farms,

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He was content with this arrangement until 2001 when he found out about a sheep-only slaughterhouse business in Summit, Miss.

"Two Muslim brothers bought the slaughterhouse and supplied the Muslim trade from New Orleans to Memphis along the I-55 corridor," Boggs said. "It was a place where I could sell 30 or 40 sheep at a time."

That's when he increased his herd with a few more ewes and began phasing out the cattle.

"If a sheep knocks you down in the pasture it hurts less than when a mama cow does," Boggs quipped.

He also occasionally sold individual live sheep directly to consumers, but was actively searching for ways to expand his market.

Boggs said Beauregard Parish and the rest of west central Louisiana was a major wool sheep producing region from the 1920s through the 1940s.

"Some families had 3,000 to 10,000 head grazing on open range," he said. "In those days there was a type of grass that grew in clumps and provided winter grazing. But that grass is extinct now because of our area's pronounced proclivity for woods arson."

As world military powers were stockpiling wool in anticipation of World War II, the sheep market reached record highs in 1939, but quickly quieted after the war when garment manufacturers began using synthetic cloth materials.

Boggs also said American sheep producers did such a good job of protecting their meat market from foreign imports, they were no longer able to supply the domestic business.

Consequently three generations of Americans grew up without ever tasting mutton.

Boggs got the idea to sell lamb meat directly to the consumer from a couple of fellow Katahdin Association members from Fayetteville and Little Rock, Ark.

The Little Rock farmer was selling about four sheep a week in a farmers market setting so Boggs tested the Lake Charles area. But Boggs said the small Lake Charles market didn't have a provision to sell lamb meat and Lafayette provided no electricity to power his freezers. He considered both Baton Rouge and New Orleans to set up shop.

"Baton Rouge was the practical limit for a truck drive to sell the meat," Boggs explained. "I sold about a hundred lambs last year at the Red Stick Farmers' Market and now I've got repeat customers."

After determining a month's consumer sheep demand, Boggs delivers the live sheep to Elliot's Slaughterhouse in Morse. The USDA-approved facility slaughters the animals and dresses the lamb cuts for retail sale.

"The most popular cut is rack of lamb and I sell out of it quickly," Boggs said. "But I also sell a lot of sausage, lamb chops and lamb kebobs."

The Boggs Farms lambs are hormone and antibiotic free, Boggs said. "The sheep are totally free of drug residue since we rigorously observe the withdrawal period required between the date of any oral medical treatment for parasites and the date of their processing and packaging," he said. "But they're not organic. It's so hot and humid in Louisiana it's not economically feasible to try to meet the organic food specifications."

Enjoying the retail pricing the Red Stick Farmers' Market afforded him, Boggs slowly phased out selling his lambs to the Summit slaughterhouse.

"They would only pay commodity prices," he said.

Boggs is a savvy marketer and his booth at the Red Stick Farmers' Market is adorned with a large sign loaded with information.

"My wife says it's too much to read, but I see a lot of people reading the sign," he said. "People also ask me a lot of questions about the lambs."

And Boggs also knows he needs to tell people how to cook the lamb so he maintains an extensive Web site with many links to lamb recipes.

In addition to rack of lamb and sausage, Boggs also sells lamb chops, lamb mignon, leg of lamb, lamb shanks and mountain oysters.

He knows he's won't get rich selling lamb meat, but it has been profitable.

"It's making money and I'm trying to make it a viable business" Boggs said. "But enough income to support a wife and two college-age kids? No."

Despite the fact that his lambs pasture graze year round and are low maintenance, he must deal with the same high input prices, like the cost of diesel and fertilizer, just like other agricultural producers.

And after 14 months of selling fresh, ecologically-raised lamb meat directly to consumers at the Baton Rouge market, it's too early to detect a pattern in the customer's buying habits, so Boggs is continuing with his plan and collecting data.

"Locally-grown sheep. It's something you can't get anywhere else," Boggs said.

Visit www.boggsfarms.com or www.louisianalambs.com for more information.



Lamb carcasses hang in the cooler of Elliot's Slaughterhouse in Morse. Boggs has a contract with Elliot's to prepare his lamb for commercial meat sales at the Red Stick Farmers' Market. Frank and Lynne Boggs at the Red Stick Farmers' Market in Baton Rouge.



Frank Boggs



Make lamb part of your Thanksgiving dinner

Sheep farmer Frank Boggs knows leg of lamb won't ever replace turkey on Thanksgiving Day tables, so he suggests cooking a delicious lamb cornbread dressing as a side dish.

Here is the Boggs Farms Lamb and Cornbread Dressing recipe. It serves 12-20 people.

This dressing freezes well, so for a small group put in smaller baking pans and freeze the extras to thaw, cook and serve at a later date.

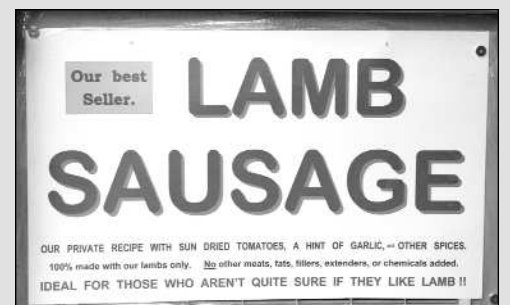
Ingredients

- 3 6 oz. bags cornbread mix
- 1/2 stick margarine
- 2 cups shallots, chopped
- 1 cup parsley, chopped
- 3 ribs celery, chopped
- 1 bell pepper, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 lbs. ground lamb
- 1 lb. giblets, chopped
- 2 tablespoons dried mint
- 1 tablespoon Tony Chachere's Seasoning
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 1 tablespoon dried rosemary
- 5 cans chicken stock

Instructions

Make the cornbread a day ahead using a sugar free mix or recipe. Melt margarine in a large skillet and saute shallots, parsley, celery, bell pepper and garlic until tender. Add lamb and chopped giblets and cook until browned. Add the mint, oregano, rosemary and Tony's Seasoning and cook 10 more minutes while stirring thoroughly. Crumble the cornbread into a large pan. Stir in the ingredients from the skillet and mix well. Slowly and carefully blend in enough (not nearly all) of the chicken stock to thoroughly and uniformly moisten the dressing - do not soak it! It is better to be a little dry than too moist since more stock can be added to the baked dressing by offering the leftover chicken stock as table gravy. Spoon into a greased 9" x 13" baking pan. Bake covered with foil in a preheated 350 degree F oven for about 40 minutes. Serve dressing hot with warmed gravy.

Boggs sells his lamb meat at the Red Stick Farmers' Market on the first, third, and when possible, fifth Saturdays of the month. Call (337) 328-7425 to order meat.



Louisiana Agriculture & Forestry Today

Now is the time to protect homes from Formosan termites

With many homes and businesses in south Louisiana being rebuilt, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom is reminding owners to consider their options in preventing future Formosan termite infestations.

"We know for a fact that there are huge colonies of Formosan termites in the southern part of the state, especially in the New Orleans and Lake Charles areas. Those colonies are still there and they're looking for new food," Odom said. "Now is the time to take action and prevent termites from destroying what is likely your largest investment."

Structures in south Louisiana are typically treated with a preventative barrier during construction and post construction. Some

owners also choose to build with termite-treated or termite-resistant products. After construction, baiting stations and liquid treatments are used as tools for detecting and destroying termite colonies.

"There are several options out there, all of which are more effective when they are used in combination," Odom said. "In any case, these options are the best line of defense against termite infestation. If you've never treated before, I would urge you to do it now. I know some homes in the affected areas were treated prior to the storms but may need reapplication to guarantee efficacy."

Bait stations, a common sight in yards across the south, probably need to be replaced if the yard was flooded. Soils that were treated

with barrier chemicals may also need to be retreated.

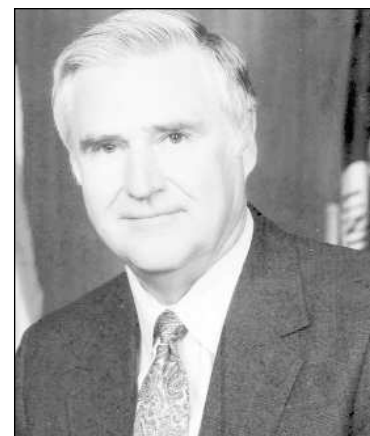
"If treated soil washed away after the storm, the barrier is no longer there. If large deposits of silt, sludge and muddy soil are now on top of the treated soil, the barrier is more than likely no longer effective," Odom said. "This is why now is the opportune time to evaluate your situation and take the necessary precautions to protect your home. It would be a double disaster to lose your home to a hurricane this year, rebuild and then lose it to Formosan termites next year."

Odom also advised owners to talk to their insurance companies about Formosan termite preventative measures and whether or not their policy covers the treatments.

"These are proactive measures

that could save home owners and insurance companies thousands of dollars down the road. It's definitely worth asking if the treatment could be covered as part of the rebuilding process," Odom said. "As always, when you're having any kind of pesticide applied in or around your home, make sure anyone you hire is a licensed or certified pest control operator. This protects your family and your home."

Odom also reminded those who are cleaning up and/or rebuilding of the quarantine in place for debris and architectural components. The quarantined parishes are Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and



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Washington. The quarantine specifies that wood cannot be moved from any of these parishes into Formosan termite-free parishes until they are fumigated for

Did You Know:

An enforcement officer with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, working with the Folsom Police Department, arrested and charged a Folsom man with 71 counts of simple arson, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said.

George Michailakis, 30, 83306 Phillips Road, confessed and was charged in late October with starting fires on both sides of North Factory Road, Highway 1080, in St. Tammany Parish. His bond was set at \$1.8 million. Michailakis faces two to 15 years in prison and fines of up to \$15,000 per charge.

In addition, Michailakis was charged with 18 counts of simple arson in Washington Parish for starting fires on Weyerhaeuser property near the town of Enon on Old Lee Road and Dummy Line Road.

"This man has set some dangerous fires that in one case burned a house, a barn and a vehicle. We're fortunate that no human lives were lost. I commend Forestry Enforcement Officer Roy St. Pierre and Police Chief Beau Killingsworth for quickly working the case and making an arrest in a timely manner before further damage was done," Odom said.



George Michailakis

Michailakis was arrested based on a tip called in to the Folsom Fire Department and passed on to St. Pierre and the Folsom Police Chief.

"This proves that public input and tips go a long way in solving arson cases," Odom said. "We've gone almost a month without rain in the Florida Parishes and there is a lot of timber down because of the hurricane. We cannot have people out there starting fires for a thrill. It jeopardizes human lives, homes and our forest lands. I urge everyone - do not burn right now for any reason."

Fire crews from the Department of Agriculture and Forestry are being assisted post-Hurricane Katrina by about 100 out-of-state firefighters stationed in Hammond. Additional firefighters, equipment and fire prevention teams have been dispatched to the state as part of a compact between southern state forestry groups.

"Because of the downed timber and lack of rainfall, we activated the compact and have been granted assistance," Odom said. "In years past, we've been the ones going to other states to help out but now the roles have reversed and we do appreciate the help."

CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pastured or post pastured animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

REMINDER: Have all of your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age vaccinated against brucellosis. For information contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, your parish Cattlemen's Association or parish Farm Bureau.

(20) **reg. Angus** bulls, large framed, 2 yrs. & near 2 yrs., excel. EPDs, most are AI sired, semen tested & ready for heavy service, \$1800/1-up. LaMar DePhillips, Husser; (985) 748-7298 or (985) 320-0144.

Reg. Char. bulls, 18 mos., no bad habits, gentle, polled, straight back, semen tested, \$1600/1-up. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

(25) **crossbred** cows, 3 & 4 yrs., gentle, no horns, \$750/1; 2 yr. Angus bull, \$1000. Troy Thibodeaux, Church Point; (337) 684-6615.

Brangus bulls, \$1000/1-up; Brangus heifers, \$2000/1-up; cows, \$1000, all are show quality, all are halter broke. Stephen Clark, Dusen; (337) 873-4315 or (337) 254-5735.

(2) **Red Angus** bulls, 6-11 mos., \$500-\$800. Doug Walker, Greensburg; (225) 222-3579.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, 3 yrs., super gentle, easy to handle. Larry Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

Reg. show cattle, (2) Brahman bulls, (1) Brahman heifer, all 18 mos. & halter broken, \$1500/1 obo.

Marion Aucoin, Walker; (225) 664-8593 or (225) 278-6299.

(3) **reg. Red Angus** bulls, (1) 14 mos., \$1200; (2) 1 yr. bulls, \$1000/1. Wil Sonnier, Lafayette; (337) 654-4498 or (337) 235-7932.

Reg. blk. Limousin bulls, (1) horned 18 mos., \$1200; (2) polled 12 mos., \$1200, cows & heifers also avail., reg. transfer included in price. Michael LeDoux, Rayne; (337) 334-2820.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls & heifers, 8 mos., \$700/1. Clinton Breland, Angie; (985) 848-9213.

Blk. baldy heifer, 14 mos., blk. Angus, sire on premises, \$650. G. R. Chauvin, Schriever; (985) 448-3360.

(2) **reg. BBU Beefmaster** bulls, Spartacus bloodline, ready for service, \$1200/1. Gaston Gerald, Greenwell Springs; (225) 654-8816.

Reg. Brangus bulls, 12-20 mos., \$1200/1-up. Dale Clark, Rayne; (337) 873-8188.

Limousin reg. bulls, dbl. blk., polled, heavy muscle, great EPDs, from AI sires, La. raised, \$1300/1-up. Terry Fox, New Iberia; (337) 364-4241.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, son of Bush Grand Design, used on heifers, w/no problems, excel. EPDs, born 1/19/03, calves to show, \$2000. Bobby Greenwood, Lafayette; (337) 984-7950.

(3) **stocker cows**, 4-7 yrs., 6-7 mos. bred, avg. weight is 1000 lbs., \$2300/all. M. Bridges, Kentwood; (985) 229-3806.

Pb Char. bull, 20 mos., tested, no bad habits, very gentle, polled, straight back line, \$1400. Philip Melancon, Church Point; (337) 873-6232.

(13) **reg. Angus** bulls, most are AI sired, \$1600/1-up. R. J. Needham, Robert; (985) 345-9212.

Jersey & Holstein nurse cows, some w/calves, \$700/1-up. K. Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 717-4345.

(34) **Brangus** cows, bred & prs.,

\$1200/1; (35) crossbred 2 yr. heifers, bred to lbw Brangus bulls, \$950/1; (55) mostly Braford open heifers, \$750/1. Bubba Dunn, Greenwood; (318) 938-1633.

Reg. Beefmaster bulls, heifers & crossbreds, \$850/1-up, less without papers; bred cows, reg. or crossbred, \$1000/1-up. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

Reg. 5/8, 3/8 Braford bulls & heifers, champ. bloodlines, gain test leaders, weaned heifers, \$800/1-up; bred heifers, \$1400/1-up; 2 yr. bulls, \$1700/1-up. Fred Elsing, Alexandria; (318) 442-0741 or (318) 447-1145.

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(70) **crossbred** Brangus cows, ages from 18 mos.-10 yrs., all exposed to Brangus bulls, to calf Jan. 15 to April 15, \$60,000/all; wean. Brangus heifers, \$500/1; (1) 5 yr. Brangus bull, \$1800. Ryan Primeaux, Erath; (337) 937-9983 or (337) 652-2029.

Reg. yrlg. blk. Angus bulls, Bando 598 & Yucon bloodlines, \$1375/1-up. Jim Hebert, Youngsville; (337) 856-6923.

Reg. red Devon bulls, 10 mos., polled, gentle, New Zealand bloodline, excel. for cross breeding & grass finished beef, \$1000/1. Bobbie Womack, Greensburg; (225) 222-4581 or (225) 933-9245.

Reg. polled Hereford bulls, top bloodlines, from Enforcer, Victor, Domino, \$1000/1-up. Ben Monic, Evangeline; (337) 824-1199.

Reg. polled Santa Gertrudis bulls, 8-9 mos., papers in buyer's name, \$800/1. Chester Davis, DeRidder; (337) 463-4758.

Reg. Char. heifers, Budsm ydad & Big Sky breeding, polled, bangs vacc., very gentle, all very fancy, all nice, \$800/1. Walter Lemoine, Marks ville; (318) 253-7939.

Reg. Char. bulls, ready for service, gentle, big, stout, clean & tested, Big Sky & Budsm ydad breeding, cert. herd, \$1500/1-up. W. Lemoine, Marks ville; (318) 253-7939.

(2) **blk. Angus** heifers, 10 mos., \$500/1; cows w/calves, \$750/1. Justin Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 717-4345.

Polled Hereford bulls, 7-10 mos., performance bred, great EPDs, gentle, all shots & wormed, \$800/1-up. Laura Hughes, Zachary; (225) 658-5348.

Reg. Simm. & Simbrah heifers, bulls & prs., \$850/1-up. B. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Reg. Angus bull, lbw, Traveler & R&J Maxima bloodlines, 4 yrs., \$2600; ¾ x ¼ Brangus bulls, big, stout, 10-11 mos., \$850-\$1000. Sammy Broussard, New Iberia; (337) 364-7681 or (337) 519-5522.

Reg. Angus cows, good blood-

lines, \$1200/1-up. S. Broussard, New Iberia; (337) 364-7681 or (337) 519-5522.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls & heifers, 8-11 mos., good bloodlines, \$800/1-up. A. Broussard, New Iberia; (337) 364-7681 or (337) 519-5522.

Reg. blk. Limousin bulls, 12 mos. & up, \$950/1-up. Gene Maxwell, Jr., Bastrop; (318) 283-0219.

Reg. Brangus bulls, 18 mos., super nice son of Leader of Brinks 302L, dam is paternal sister to Challenger, the breeds #2 ranking marbling sire & is the dam of Lead Gun of Brinks 222K14, Leading AI sire, \$2000. B. Payne, Broussard; (337) 654-4754.

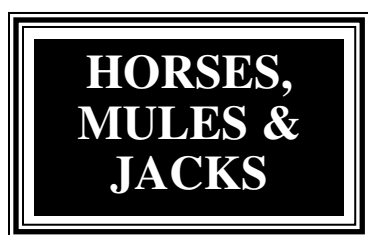
Brangus yrlg. bull, sire Rumor of Brinks, lbw, REA, .51, YW, 50.2, out of nice Brangus cow, bull has been handled in pasture setting on a regular basis, calm & touchable, \$1500. A. Payne, Broussard; (337) 654-4754.

Reg. La. bred Jersey show heifers, \$550/1-up. Kathy Jo Thompson, Folsom; (985) 796-9872.

Reg. Beefmaster bulls, 7-14 mos., top bloodlines, reds, blks. & paints avail., \$1500/1-up. Heather Glatt, Prairieville; (225) 571-3923.

(20) **reg. blk.** Angus bulls, 2 yrs., ready to work, good EPDs, \$1800/1-up. Faron Miley, Loranger; (985) 878-2498.

(78) **3-4 yr.** Brangus cows, bred w/2nd calf, excel. herd, \$1200/1. Ken Gremillion, Mansura; (318) 253-6253.



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2005 AQHA dbl. bred On The Money red filly, \$4000. Mary Hatten, Columbia; (318) 452-3832 or (318) 366-5218.

2005 AQHA blue & red roan weans., yrlgs., 2 yr., Blue Valentine & Hancock bloodlines, \$1500/1-up. Ronny Hatten, Grayson; (318) 366-5218.

2003 AQHA pal. stallion, Blue Valentine & Cutter Bill breeding, excel. stallion prospect, gentle & started under saddle, \$5000. R. Hatten, Grayson; (318) 366-5218.

2003 AQHA reg. roan geld., Blue Valentine, Raise Your Glass bloodlines, very gentle, ready to start, \$2000. M. Hatten, Columbia; (318) 452-3832 or (318) 366-5218.

18 mo. AQHA blk. San Peppy filly, lots of cutting & roping blood, \$950. Doug Hodges, Longville; (337) 725-3363.

3 yr. AQHA dun filly, 4 wh. socks & blaze, Rockets Magic x Black JB Cody, 90 days riding, great barrel prospect, \$3500. B. D. Fontenot, Eunice; (337) 457-5685.

AMHA reg. miniature horses, mares, fillies, colts & stallions, pintos, app., solids, \$500-\$2500. Brenda Hebert, Covington; www.goldenmeadow-minis.com, (985) 893-7907 or (985) 373-1393.

Miniature donkeys, solids, spotted jacks, 30"-32", spotted, \$400/1; solid jennets, \$600-\$1200 & free spotted jack w/the purchase of (2) donkeys. B. Hebert, Covington; www.goldenmeadow-minis.com, (985) 893-7907 or (985) 373-1393.

1995 AQHA sorrel mare, w/wh. socks, by Premium Clu x Lena County, lots of go, not for inexp. riders, has team penning exp., but rusty on skills, needs additional training, willing to learn, great breeder, '04 filly on site, \$2500. Lisa Sharp, Covington; (985) 892-9469 or (985) 966-5591.

Arabians, AHA reg. mares & fillies, top bloodlines, beautiful & gentle, \$2500/1-up. F. Larry Martinez, Port Barre; (337) 585-6969.

APHA 7 mo. BS bay filly, very impressive bloodlines, incredible mover, over 15 hands at maturity, handled from birth, \$700. G. Smith, Sunset; sunpaintacres@aol.com or (337) 257-4686.

Reg. App. stallion, great pedigree & flashy, \$1000. Clay Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

5 yr. paint geld., gentle & broke to ride, \$500. Brandon Rivere, Napoleonville; (985) 665-0659.

(2) **'05 colts**, gray, (1) '04 dapple buckskin filly, Doc Quixote, Doc's Prescription, Puddenhead, Mel Badger, \$800-\$1500/1. Shane Carter, Plaucheville; (318) 939-2275.

AMHA miniature horses & donkeys in all colors, healthy & friendly, mare, filly, colt & jacks, imprinted & handled since birth, \$550/1-up. Armand Scurria, Chalmette; avafarm@charter.net or (504) 650-9197.

TW dbl. reg., 15 hands, 5 yr. chestnut geld., 8WGC on papers, Ebony's Mountain Man, Ebony Masterpiece, Gill's Carbon Copy, others, \$2100. L. Kirkwood, Elmer; (318) 793-5392.

AQHA 4 yr. pal. mare, 15 hands, beautiful, very athletic & stocky build, gentle, 30 days training, needs riding, Ol Yellow, Doc's Irish Bar, Sonny Go Jack, others, \$2300. A. Kirkwood, Elmer; (318) 793-5392.

AQHA horse, born 3/1/88, sorrel, name Nancy Blaze Jet, sire Found A Jet, top Jet Port, bottom Lost Cause, dame Miss Double Decka, top

Double Deck Dude, bottom Streaka Dial, great kid's horse, any kid that has any riding ability at all can ride this horse, will ride bareback or saddle, no bad habits, easy kept, she is around 15 hands, only reason we are selling is because of Hurricane Rita, \$1200, serious inquiries only. Thomas Rigmaiden, DeRidder; (337) 463-7643.

Reg. QH filly, 30 mos., sire Brooke Peponita, son of Peponita, dam Clarks Little Bay, daughter of Clarks Red Ant, \$2000. Charles Broussard, Jeanerette; (337) 276-6688.

2004 AQHA sorrel geld., blaze, back stocking, flaxen mane/tail, Flashy Zipper, King Fritz, Doc Bar bred, IF, eligible LA & MS futurities, excel. WP, all-around prospect, \$2400. V. Ernst, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8637.

1996 AQHA bay mare, 15.1 hands, gentle, very pretty, won '98 Rainbow Futurity Snafflebit class, AQHA WP points, \$4000. S. Ernst, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8637.

1999 AQHA geld., bloodlines makes this a beautiful horse that performs, \$2000; '04 AQHA, \$600. S. Chandler, Jena; (318) 992-0311.

2002 AQHA sorrel mare, cutting bred, out of own son of Peppy San Badger, Little Rush, by Smart Little Uno mare, broke & started on cattle, very pretty mare, \$3000. Harvard Brian, Slaughter; (225) 683-9029.

1995 AQHA sorrel mare, cutting bred, own daughter of Smart Little Uno, out of a Doc Solano mare, currently open, well broke, has been used on cattle & as a broodmare, \$3000. H. Brian, Slaughter; (225) 683-9029.

16 yr. reg. QH mare, \$2000; 3 yr. sorrel filly, broke to ride, very gentle, \$1000. Brett Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 717-1270.

AHA stallion, almost 3 yrs., points, w/4 full stockings, excel. bloodline, easy to handle, endurance type, \$2500, or stud service, \$500/\$5 mare care. Patricia or John Markow, Loranger; (985) 878-4230.

AQHA reg. 6 yr. sorrel mare, 15 hands, granddaughter of Jet Injun & Sport Model Ethan, very responsive to cues, 5 mos. pro. training on cows, \$3000. T. Payne, Broussard; (337) 837-5813.

AQHA reg. 14 yr., chestnut geld., 15.2 hands, this is the hunter/jumper babysitter that you have been looking for, smooth ride w/automatic, effortless lead changes, great for beginner or rider moving up from pony, extremely quiet, great manners, \$8000. K. Payne, Broussard; (337) 837-5813.

AQHA reg. pal. stallion, Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, top & bottom, \$6000 nego. E. J. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Reg. AQHA App. colts, fillies, studs & broodmares, 3/N/1 package, \$1000/1-up. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

QH filly, 3 yrs., broken to ride, \$750. Stephen Clark, Dusan; (337) 873-4315 or (337) 254-5735.

4 yr. reg. blue papered Missouri Fox Trotter geld., trail ready, loads, clips, ties, shoes, crosses water & bridges, great little trail horse,

\$2500. Tracy Thrash, Bastrop; http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland, (318) 556-2217 or (318) 237-8356.

4 yr. reg. Missouri Fox Trotter geld., beautiful dapple gray, ridden on trails, big motor, not for beginners, finish him out for \$2500 or we finish & the price goes up. Donnie Thrash, Bastrop; http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland, (318) 556-2217 or (318) 237-8356.

AQHA reg. QH, Peppy Doc Again, Special Effort, Blondy's Dude bloodlines, \$600/1-up. Gerald Ducote, Simmesport; (318) 941-2748.

7 yr. reg. blk. & wh. paint mare, great trail horse, \$850. James Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

12 yr. blk. & wh. gaited geld., 15 hands, gentle, for anyone to ride, \$900. Phyllis Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355.

(2) **well gaited** colts, (1) blk./wh., (1) bay, \$300 & \$450. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

5 yr. sorrel QH mare, 14.2 hands, well built, \$850. Megan Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

(2) **excel. riding** horses, older age, QH, pal., both reg., great for younger riders, saddles, grain bin, blankets also avail., package, \$3000/obo. Rick Lasseigne, Thibodaux; (985) 448-1432 or (985) 448-7443.

Reg. AQHA pal. mare, 18 yr., in foal to AQHA buckskin Smart Little Lena stallion, \$2000; 6 mo. AQHA red roan filly, \$1000. Joe Kimble, Ethel; (225) 326-9112 or (225) 683-5873.

20 yr. bomb proof kid's molly mule, bay, 15.1 hands, 900+ lbs., works single, dbl., or rides, very gentle ridden in Ark. by my 6-yr. old son, in very good health, \$1800. Donna, Burr Ferry; (337) 286-9353.

1 ½ yr. blk. standard jenny donkey, pasture exposed to mini jack, \$200; 6 yr. wh. App. mare, 14+ hands, ridden, used as broodmare mostly, bred to blk/wh. TW stud, \$700. D. Burr Ferry; (337) 286-9353.

AQHA gray filly, dbl. bred Poco Bueno & Doc's prescription, well balanced, w/clean neck & head set, very nice, \$1600. Jeff Brassette, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2674 or (337) 224-7983.

(15) **reg.** AQHA yrlgs., Zippididoodah, \$1000/1-up. Dennis Crain, Winnsboro; (800) 228-8423 or (318) 435-4280.

1985 AQHA broodmare, gray, granddaughter of Sonny Dee Bar, Majestic Dell & Poco Blue Ada, \$900. Karen Bullen, New Iberia; (337) 654-8267.

15 yr. Welsh pony, brown, \$600. K. Bullen, New Iberia; (337) 654-8267.

Miniature horse, 34", mahogany bay mare, very gentle, \$500. Vincent Losavio, Torbert, (225) 625-4439.

1996 Big stout QH blk. geld., 15 hands, 1300 lbs., used for team roping, heading pasture roping, team penning & sorting, trail riding, kids rode him barrel racing, great handle, gentle, good conform., fast, all shots, no bad habits, not reg., \$3500. Dean Gentile, Port

Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

3 yr. AQHA red dun geld., \$2500. Karla Bellelo, Ventress; (225) 638-8897.

Reg. QH bay geld., 6 yrs., Red Tip Panic & Terrific Classis, gentle, anyone can ride, no bad habits, all vacc., great conform., \$1500. Ross Mule, Franklinton; (985) 839-4595.

(2) reg. paint mares, \$1000/1 obo. Bubba Dunn, Greenwood; (318) 938-1633.

(2) mules, (1) big male & (1) tall female, \$1500/both or will sell separately. D. Aucoin, Napoleonville; (985) 513-9245 or (985) 513-9246.

Reg. MFT yrlg. filly, chestnut, blue papered, well gaited, \$1000; 2 yr. golden champagne, blue papered, will be large, saddle broke, w/3 weeks riding, trailers, bathes & clips, \$2500; 3 yr. brown papered chestnut & wh. tobiano paint mare, in foal to reg. amber champagne MFT stallion, very quiet & docile, not very flashy but foal will be, sire throws show quality offspring, \$2000. Paula Price, Pineville; (318) 473-2633 or (318) 308-2634.

Non-reg. 7 mo. cream champagne, 1/4 QH, 3/4 MFT colt, extremely gaited, nice conform., \$600; 6 mo. sorrel, 1/2 Belgian, 1/2 running QH colt, will be large, very quiet & docile, \$500; 10 yr. blk. QH geld., barrel experience, been six yrs. since race, gentle, needs experienced rider, \$1500; 8 yr. 1/2 QH & 1/2 MF chestnut mare. P. Price, Pineville; (318) 473-2633 or (318) 308-2634.

Herd reduction, all are for sale, reg. QH mares, ponies & more, buckskins, pal., paints, \$800/1-up. Kent Guillory, Ville Platte; (337) 523-4146.

Reg. TW, 1 1/2 yr. blk. mare, \$850; reg. 1 1/2 yr. blk/wh. stud, \$1250; 1/2 TW & 1/2 QH studs & fillies, paints & solids, \$400/1-up. Johnny Byone, Cloutierville; (318) 379-0005.

TB mare, blk., 5 yrs., 16 hands, very gentle, winner at Delta Downs, would make great kid's riding horse, \$1000 obo. Larry Guidry, Welsh; (337) 496-7706 or (337) 734-3215.

Well broke geld., 14 hands, about 14 yrs., not lazy, kids 6 yrs. old can ride him, \$1200. Chip Guillot, St. Martinville; (337) 369-6929.

Gray mare, 11 yrs., 14.3 hands, very gentle, rides, ties & loads easy, \$1100; red sorrel, 17 yr. mare, does playday events, saddle winner in '03-'04 in 10-13 yr. age group, AQHA papers, \$2000. Stacie Brown, DeQuincy; (337) 786-7119 or (337) 222-9229.

Training all breeds, gentle colt starting, ranch using horses, problem horses, training, showing, sales, lessons & overnight boarding. Donnie or Tracy Thrash, B a s t r o p ; <http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland>, (318) 556-2217 or (318) 237-8356.

Wanted: child's pony, will consider partial trade, '99 AQHA geld. that works quietly. Sheila Chandler, Jena; (318) 992-0311.

Wanted: 1 or 2 miniature paint Jennies. Norman Ordoneaux, Lake Arthur; (337) 774-2641.

STALLION SERVICE

Pal. stallion, Gay Bar King bred, 6th generation pal., 1st breeding season, limited breedings, \$350/\$5 mare care. Mallory McDaniel, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2674 or (337) 224-7983.

Blue roan stallion, 62% Rowdy Blue Man, 31% Blue Valentine, line bred Hancock, (8) prs. of matched chromosomes, will produce foals like himself, very nice, must see, \$400/\$5 mare care. Laurie McDaniel, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2674 or (337) 224-7983.

Chestnut stallion, Colonel Freckles, War Leo, Senor George & Son of a Doc, produces extremely nice foals, great disp. & easy on the eyes, \$400/\$5 mare care. Kyle McDaniel, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2674 or (337) 224-7983.

Dun stallion, 100% color producer, Doc's Hickory, Doc O'Lena, Peppy San, Sonita's Last, absolutely beautiful, a must see, \$400/\$5 mare care. Jeff Brassette, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2674 or (337) 224-7983.

1998 golden pal., 14.2 hands, wide muscular build, pro trained for cutting, Dry Doc, Doc Bar, Poco Lena, Poco Bueno, Leo Wimpy, \$300/\$3 mare care. Dean Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

2001 bay stallion, 14.2 hands, well built, pro trained, now being shown in cutting, lots of cow, Tanquary Gin, Doc O'Lena, Royal King, Doc Bar, Doc's Sug bloodlines, \$400/\$3 mare care. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

8 yr. grandson of Puddenhead, bay, star, great disp., \$400/\$4 mare care. Jeannette B. Jackson, Jennings; www.quarter-horse.com or (337) 824-1642.

AQHA golden pal. stallion, Peppy's Boy 895 x daughter of Maxi Lena, view pedigree at www.bayouquarterhorses.com, \$400, includes 1 wk. mare care. Romy Morvant, Thibodaux; (985) 446-0708.

Shining Sneakers, AQHA open superior reining, circuit championships, NRHA money earner, son of Shining Spark, \$700/\$7 dry mare care, \$8/wet. C. Borer, Walker; www.borerquarterhorses.com, borerqthorses@aol.com or (225) 667-7415.

SHEEP & GOATS

Reg. IBGA fb Boer buck, showing in 4-H, breeding bloodline Mr. Bingo & Kalani, born 4/01/05, red cape, \$250. R. Richard, Carencro; (337) 896-6264.

Reg. 93.75% Boer buck, born 1/21/02, \$175. J. M. Miller, Sunset; (337) 896-0141 or (337) 662-3679.

Male Pygmy/Kinder cross, blk., born 7/10, \$40. Candy Foster, Bush; (985) 892-3881.

Reg. male Katahdin, born 4/15/05, excel. quality, Condon blood test RR, \$500; reg. male Katahdin, Condon blood test QR, born 4/10/05, \$300. Wayne Plauche, Carencro; (337) 896-0534.

Katahdin sheep males, \$80/1-up; goat mixed breed, \$45/1-up. J. L. Duplechin, Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

S/A reg. Boer goats, fb & percentages, does & bucks, herd reduction, \$150-\$300. Becky, Broussard; (337) 316-6375.

Boer goats, breeding age males, \$85/1; bred nannies, \$150/1; nannies, w/kids, variable prices. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

Gulf Coast sheep, (1) ram, 1 yr., \$100; rams, 6 mos., \$75/1. Kenn Miller, Kentwood; (985) 229-3074.

(6) goats, (5) cross bred females, (1) fb male, Myotnie/Tennessee faint, \$600/all. Brandon Rivere, Napoleonville; (985) 665-0659.

(2) Boer goat females, 6 mos., fit & healthy, perfect condition for slaughter or to raise & breed, \$100/1 obo. Chris Douget, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6763.

5 yr. wh. ADGA Nubian buck, good disp., herd reduction, \$300. S. Clark, Sulphur; (337) 528-9878.

Nigerian dwarf goats, reg. & non reg., some w/blue eyes, \$100/1-up. Scott Dugas, Natchitoches; (318) 354-9971.

Dorper females, bred, \$75; Dorper males, \$140; Katahdin male, very big, \$100; Katahdin females, bred w/Dorper, \$50. Dody Leger, Opelousas; (337) 826-8226.

Reg. pb Nubian bucks, ready for breeding, from champ bloodlines & goats who linear appraise excel., \$250/1-up. Tim Pruitt, Haynesville; (337) 927-6283.

Katahdin pb males & females, good bloodline, 9-12 mos., \$100-\$125/1. George Lanclos, Opelousas; (337) 945-1436 or (337) 945-1435.

Brush goats, tame, under fence, eat weeds & brush, breeding age, \$100/pr. Doris Flanagan, Hammond; (985) 345-1498.

(3) tame, sweet, billy goats, mixed breed, \$65/1 or \$55/1 if all purchased. Lea Wortmann, Pearl River; (985) 863-0575.

(4) reg. Katahdin hair sheep ewes, (1) born 2/28/05, w/papers, \$150; (3) born 3/8/05, w/papers, \$150. Beverly Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4719.

Reg. SA fb & percentage goats, 6 mos. & up, proven bred does, many from our show string, bred to our champ. SA bucks, \$100/1-up L. Stilley, Independence; (225) 567-3404 or (225) 567-5366.

Reg. SA champ buck at stud, top bloodlines, \$100 & up. Laremy Stilley, Independence; (225) 567-5366 or (225) 567-3404.

(2) Pygmy goats, 3 mo. bucks, very tame, would make good pets, \$50/1. Vincent Losavio, Torbert; <http://www.geocities.com/frisco-farms> or (225) 625-4439.

(17) Katahdin sheep, \$40-\$60/1 or \$45/1 if all taken. Freddie Benoit, Church Point; (337) 684-2702.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Reg. border collie pups, red/wh. & blk./wh., parents direct imports from Wales & Scotland, good companions & working farm dogs, will demonstrate parents at work, \$300/1. Rodney Cotton, Pineville; (318) 640-2042.

Pb blue heeler pups, wormed, good colors, (1) male, (2) females, born 8/20/05, \$50/1. L. Moreau, Opelousas; (337) 948-1005.

Rat terrier pups, 6 wks. Nov. 5th, \$35/1. Robert Trahan, Duson; (337) 873-8770.

Australian blue heeler pups, from working cattle dogs, \$75/1. William Hatcher, Kentwood; (985) 229-8361.

Pb Pyrenees female goat dog, free to good home, 3 1/2 yrs. Johnny Detillier, Raceland; call up to 7:30 a.m. (985) 532-5287.

Reg. blue heeler pups, male & females, parents are working stock, \$150/1. Denise Gastal, Abbeville; (337) 652-7704.

Blue heeler, fb, 3 mos., (1) female, \$50. Peter Palermo, Morganza; (225) 694-2215.

AKC lab pups, champ. bloodline, blks. & whites, not yellow, parents are excel. duck dogs, \$150/1. Dean Gunter, Lecompte; (318) 776-9235.

ABCA border collie pups, out of imported bloodlines, used for working sheep & cattle, 9/5/05, \$350/1. Danny Ayo, Maurice; (337) 893-0988.

AKC beagle pups, born 7/2/05, (1) male, (1) female, \$100/1. Cindy Russ, Houma; (985) 868-3295 or (985) 226-0835.

Reg. Jack Russell pups, \$200/1. Sarah Meche, Church Point; (337) 873-4041.

1/2 **Jack Russell**, 1/2 rat terrier, parents on premises, very cute & very smart, great w/mice & snakes, \$75/1 cash only. Lloyd Menard, Eunice; (337) 457-3959.

Pb Australian cattle pups, born 10/8/05, raised on farm, w/goats, horses & children, will hold until Christmas with deposit, \$75/1. Candy Foster, Bush; (985) 892-3881.

Reg. original mountain cur pups, born 8/2/05, (1) female, (3) males, \$150/1. Tommy Myers, Goldonna; (318) 727-9325.

Blk.-mouth cur male, \$50/1. Charles Raymond, Natchitoches; (318) 357-8335.

SWINE

Show pigs, July & Aug., Yorkshires, crosses & Hampshires, \$150/1-up; gilts, barrows & mature boars ready to breed, (York & comm. Hampshires), \$250/1-up. Don Woodman, Elmer; (318) 793-2532.

Show pigs, ready for slaughter, 220-270 lbs., gilts, \$150 & \$175/1 obo. Hubert Wilkerson, Natchitoches; (318) 356-8400 or (318) 453-1615.

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

(3) proven prs., blue & gold macaws, fully feathered, \$4500/all or \$1800/pr. Charles Fontenot, Scott; (337) 984-1334.

Ringneck dove, normals & wh., \$7.5-\$10/1; proven mated prs., \$20-\$30/pr. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

Sun conure pr. DNA sexed, \$550; young breeder cockatiels, \$20. Chris Primeaux, Maurice; (337) 258-0271.

(2) hf green nape lori keets, just weened, w/DNA sexing, \$300. Damian Shaheen, Opelousas; www.cajunbait2000.net, (337) 948-3437 or (337) 255-3168.

Beautiful normal cockatiels, \$20/1, beautiful lutino lovebirds, \$30/1. Robert Legendre, Gonzales; (225) 644-5923.

Canaries, females, \$35/1; males, \$45/1-up; also blk. breasted finches, \$8/1. Carlos Ambrogio, Houma; (985) 868-3648.

Lovebirds, all colors & ages, plenty to choose from, \$25/1 or \$20/1 if (10) or more purchased. Charles Rachal, Moreauville; (318) 985-2391.

Baby cockatiels, hf, \$35/1-up; parakeets, many colors, \$8/1. Margie Kibodeaux, Crowley; (337) 788-3818.

Gorgeous, healthy fiery red, eastern split Rosellas, breeder age, \$200/1. Roan McDaniels, Sunset; (337) 351-2873.

Doves, white, \$7/1; tangerine, \$6/1; ivory, \$6/1; ringneck & pied, \$5/1. Jim Bearb, Carencro; (337) 896-3475.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

Large Canadian geese, \$110/pr. Bobby Guillory, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2588.

Flying mallards, \$8/1; jungle fowl, \$5/1; Cornish bantams, \$10/1. Patrick Thibodeaux, Church Point; (337) 684-2013.

Wh. Peking ducks, (2) males, (7) females, \$8/1. Freddie Benoit, Church Point; (337) 684-2702.

(13) barnyard bantam hens, (2) roosters, small, \$3/1; Japanese wh. silky bantams, from champ stock, \$5-\$10/1. Charles Rachal, Moreauville; (318) 985-2391.

Chinese geese, \$20/1. Charles Raymond, Natchitoches; (318) 357-8335.

Turkeys, 6 mos.-2 yrs., \$15-\$25/1. Joseph Giaccone, Hammond; (985) 345-5049.

Peking ducks, '05 hatch, \$10/1. John Reiners, Branch; (337) 788-2118 or (337) 288-9739.

(3) GQF incubators, excel. cond., auto turner, holds 250+ eggs, \$150/1. J. Young, Zachary; (225) 654-0039 or (225) 445-5012.

Mallard ducks, eggs, babies & mature flyers, 50¢-\$10/1. Jennifer Young, Zachary; (225) 654-0039 or (225) 445-5012.

Pharaoh quails, golden Manchurian & wh., newly hatched to grown, eggs, 15¢/1; live, \$18/doz.; dressed, \$28/doz. Harry Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

Flying mallards, \$5-\$8/1; guineas, \$8/1. Nell Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

Bobwhites, \$1/1-up; Pharaoh quail, 25¢/1-up; Pharaoh eggs, \$10/100; chickens, 50¢/1-up. C. J. Hoffpauir, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7495.

Mature silkies, excel. setters, approx. 20 hens, mixed colors, (2) wh. roosters, sold as flock only, \$150/1. Mark Lumetta, Amite; (985) 748-6257.

Old English game bantams, show quality golden duckwings, (4) hens, (1) rooster, \$40. Ted Tardiff, Centerville; (337) 578-1777.

Pb barred rock roosters, \$3/1. T. Smith, Denham Springs; (225) 664-3227.

Big roosters, \$8/1; mixed bantam roosters only, \$5/1. J. L. Duplechin, Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

Mandarins, \$50/pr.; wood ducks, \$35/pr.; ring teal, \$50/pr.; silver Bahama pin tails, wh. Mandarins, flying mallards, \$10/1-up. Mike Yglesias, Zachary; (225) 262-0954.

Caller ducks, small, gray type, \$20/pr. Dean Gunter, Lecompte; (318) 776-9235.

Red golden pheasants, '05 hatched, \$45/pr.; pied peacock pr. w/blk. shoulder hen, both 4 yrs., \$150/pr. Darrell Arabie, Duson; (337) 849-3718.

Baby guinea keets, guineas eat ticks & other insects, great watchdogs, fun to watch, \$2/1. Ronnie Guitreau, Gonzales; (225) 677-8964.

Turkeys, royal palms & Bourbon reds, \$10-\$25; 2 mos.-1 yr. guineas, wh., pearl & pied, \$3-\$5/1; young mallard ducks, pb, \$5; young Muscovy ducks, \$5/1. Steve Delk, Hahnville; (985) 783-2404.

Jumbo Pharaoh quail, live, \$2/1; dressed, \$28/doz.; pickled eggs, \$6/pt.; eggs, \$20/100. Shirley Franks, Lena; (318) 793-8018.

Rare adult trio of Exchequer leghorns, blk./wh. speckled, \$60. M. Givs, Sunset; (337) 662-3637 or (337) 351-0815.

Extra large Pharaoh quail, 1 wk. to grown birds, 50¢-\$2/1; tuxedo chocolate quail, 50¢-\$2/1; hatching eggs, \$20/100. Henry Duhe, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-0061.

Malaysian Serama bantam hatching eggs, pickup, \$25/doz.; shipped, \$32/doz.; rare blk. Penedesenca hatching eggs, pickup, \$20/doz.; shipped in US, \$29/doz.; adult Penedesenca trios, \$85/trio. M. Givs, Sunset; (337) 662-3637 or (337) 351-0815.

Wanted: (75) 8 mo. pullets, barred rock, buff Orpingtons, blk. Australorps, Araucana/Americana, Rhode Island reds, (11) male, (10) female, 1 yr. broad-breasted turkey, (11) male, (20) female mallards ducks, (12) male, (12) female African geese 1 yr., (100) male,

(100) female, 1 yr. purple pearl guineas, (6) male, (6) female, 1 yr. blue pearl peacocks, will trade rd. bales of hay. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9273.

PIGEONS

Texas Pioneer pigeons, large stock, \$60/pr. Robert Cheramie, Kentwood; (985) 229-8585 or (985) 229-8606.

Wh. racing homers, \$20/pr.; colored racing homers, \$15/pr. Patrick Thibodeaux, Church Point; (337) 684-2013.

Modena show pigeons, all different colors, avail., \$15/1-up. Russell Girard, Scott; (337) 873-4418.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

Calif. & NZW does, ready for breeding, \$20/1; NZW, Calif. & crossbred bucks, ready for service, \$25/1. Ernest Albert, Milton; (337) 856-5723.

Calif. rabbits, \$10/1; cages, \$25/1. Richard Moore, Deville; (318) 466-1550.

DEER & EXOTICS

Going out of business, whitetail deer, (10) bucks, \$750/1-up; (19) does, \$300/1-up; fawns, \$200/1-up. Tommy Myers, Goldonna; (318) 727-9325.

Fallow, blk. buck, big wh. tails & others, \$400/1-up. Jeff Swank, Delhi; (318) 878-4375 or (850) 519-1129.

Whitetail deer, 15 pt., 170+ class, \$6500; 17 pt., 170+ class, \$6500; 6 yrlgs., all racked, \$1000/1, more avail. John Coombs, Amite; (985) 517-6556.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Bass, 60¢/1; bluegill, 25¢/1; red ear, 25¢/1; crappie, 30¢; grass carp, \$10; minnows, \$8/lb., brochure avail., del. or pickup. Frank Book, Shreveport; (318) 929-4251.

Hydraulic crawfish boat, w/traps, plus extra mechanical parts, \$550. Glen Higdon, Port Barre; (337) 585-2050 or (337) 224-1698.

8" discharge, impellor pump, on wheels, PTO drive, \$1400. Buford Landreneau, Washington; (337) 363-8095.

Pillow crawfish cages, \$300; diesel pump, \$100. Ray Couvillon, Abbeville; (337) 893-1996 or (337) 523-3228.

FARM SERVICES

Dog training, obedience, gun dog & hunt tests. Ben Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

Land clearing, dirt work, ponds, house pads, forestry construction. Jeff Nelson, Ashland; (318) 544-9090.

Dozer, backhoe work, land clearing & raking. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9273.

Will graze stockers for winter '05-'06, call for details. Harvey Gonsoulin, New Iberia; (337) 229-9058.

RURAL PROPERTIES

180 acres in Amite area, plantation pine at various ages, lots of public blacktop road, frontage and waterline, \$3000/acre. Richard Pevey, Shreveport; (318) 925-1776.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

Pine straw, machine baled, clean, del. avail., \$4/1. Ronald Gremillion, Zachary; (225) 933-7753.

Birdhouse & dipper gourd, cushaw green stripe, 30-seed packet, \$1.5/pkt. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

32'X96' greenhouse frame, (2) 4'x4' fans, (2) propane heaters, shade cloth, evaporated system, 1000s of pots, many extras, \$1000. Clyde Milley, Campti; (318) 476-2182.

Border grass, liriopie, giant green-silver, \$2/bucket. Sharkey Chaney, Gonzales; (225) 673-3884.

Native wild-yellow daffodils, \$20/12; vitex bush, \$10/1; Birdseye, yellow squash, Peter peppers, climbing malabar spinach, bush cherry, yard-long beans, large mustard & endive, \$1.5/pkt., w/SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Fig trees, 2 yrs., 2-gal., \$9.50/1, 20 varieties, SASE for list, will ship. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Elliott pecan, 5', 6-gal., grafted, \$25 at place. James Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Fancy red bush cherry, \$6/1; purple vitex bush, \$10/1; wh. & yellow old-time peach, \$10/1; large purple pomegranate, \$10/1; purple L.S.U. fig, \$20/1. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Crape myrtle, \$8/1; yellow rain trees, \$2-\$10/1; sweet lemon, \$8/1; Myer's lemon, \$15/1; fancy red cherry, bundle, \$20/12; Confederate

rose, \$8/1. M. Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Jelly palms, by size, \$8-\$12/1; Southern magnolia, 5', \$12; windmill palms, 3-gal., \$12; Celeste & brown Turkish fig trees, \$8/1; monkey grass, 3 qt. tufts, \$1/1; pygmy date palms, 3-gal., \$10. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

Pecans, Candy, Caddo, Elliott, Forkert, Melrose, Oconee, Sumner, Houma, 3-gal., at place, booking fall planting, \$12/1-up. Bill Young, DeQuincy; (337) 786-8109.

Saw-tooth acorn trees, 5-gal. containers, \$10/1; Oleanders, 5' tall, \$8/1; crape myrtles, 8' tall, \$8.5/1. R. Satterley, Melville; (337) 566-3708.

Thornless blackberries, 2-gal. containers, \$6/1. Richard Satterley, Melville; (337) 566-3708.

HAY & GRAIN

(4) 5x5 rd. bales Bermuda mixed Bahia, will load, \$20/1. E. J. Rabalais, Cottonport; (318) 964-2924.

Sumrall 007 Bermuda, 4x5 rd. bales, limed & fert., in barn, \$18/1. R. W. Walley, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-0153.

Oct. hay, rd. bales, located in Kentwood, \$20/1. Kerry Broussard, Prairieville; (225) 673-5700 or (225) 235-1805.

Alicia hay, horse quality, freshly cut, in barn, \$4/1. Clay Pierce, Thibodaux; (985) 447-6100.

Bahia hay, 6x5 rd. bales, in field, \$20/1; in barn, \$25/1. Mike Patanella, Independence; (985) 878-9765 or (985) 687-5030.

Bahia/mixed grass, '04 cutting, 4x4 rd. bales, \$240/20 bales. Larry Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

Bahia sq. bales, fert. & stored in barn, \$3/1 or \$140/50 bales. Stephanie Cole, Basile; (337) 457-0665 or (337) 580-1685.

2005 high quality Alicia/Bahia mix sq. bales, del. avail., \$3/1. Sarina Lirette, Bourg; (985) 665-0464.

Fert. & limed Jiggs Bermuda sq. bales, in barn, \$3.75/1. Steve Doucet, Jennings; (337) 824-9643.

Argentine Bahia, horse quality sq. bales, behind baler, \$3.5/1; 4x4 rd. bales, behind baler, \$22; out of barn, \$25. Richard Reed, Independence; (985) 878-2330.

High quality Bermuda race-horse hay, sq. bales, \$3-\$4/1; rd. bales, \$20-\$45/1; cow hay, \$20-\$40/1, Milton area. Joe Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 856-4266 or (337) 230-7273.

5x6 rd. bales, all fresh Oct. '05 hay, no rain, will load, Bermuda mix hay, \$15/1; Jiggs, fert., limed & sprayed, \$20/1. Samuel Miller, Iota; (337) 779-3141.

2005 Bahia hay, 5x5 bales, in shed, on pallets, \$30/1. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

Highly fert. Alicia & Bahia 4x4 rd. bales, great cow hay, \$20/1; Alicia sq. bales, no rain & great protein, TDN, in barn, \$4/1. Dale, Vinton; (337) 589-2696.

2005 fert. Jiggs Bermuda sq.

bales, in barn, \$3.95/1; behind baler, \$3.45. Keith Cahanin, Rayne; (337) 257-2469 or (337) 873-6607.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

Woods/Gill heavy-duty rollover R series box scraper, rolls from cutting edges to teeth, 65" wide, 30-60 hp, \$500. Doug Dorhauer, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2788.

855 NH baler, shedded since new, all original, yearly inspected & maintained by NH, cosmetics excel., mechanically very good, spare protective parts, manuals, downsizing, \$4000 firm. Wayne Patterson, Ruston; (318) 768-2649 or (318) 372-7313.

JD 8820, excel. cond., field ready, w/222 rigid & flex headers, \$16,000; 500 bushel, A & L grain cart, excel. cond., \$500. Bieber Farms, Mamou; (337) 468-4490.

8300 JD drill, \$800; 8350 JD drill, \$800; 15' IH rotary hoe, \$400; 20' wick bar, \$200; 6-row IH front mount cult. Ralph Hardy, Iowa; (337) 582-3210 or (337) 496-8894.

Ford 134 cu./in. gas block, \$695; reworked head, \$625; radiator, \$125; 4 spd. trans., 600 model, \$750; 190XT diesel head, \$200. James Degeyter, Arnaudville; (337) 754-7682.

JD 3 pt. hitch hydraulic wood splitter, \$400. Grover Stephens, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-2340.

Class cutter disc 260C-2000, new, \$10,000, trade in, \$6500; selling for \$5000; '00 Olivi-rake, new, \$750, selling for \$300. C. M. Duplechin, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

JD 2755, c/air loader, 3200 hrs., \$17,500. Glen Myers, Pelican; (318) 755-2313.

W&A 8-row hipper, w/Orthman row markers, \$2600; Taylorway, 8-row cult., w/fenders, \$1500; Bridger planter 8-row w/row markers, \$1200. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Ford 1984 8700, 115 hp, front-end loader, homemade canopy, approx. 6000 hrs., still using in hay field, \$6500. Joe Ainsworth, Georgetown; (318) 827-9457.

Ford 5000, \$5500; JD, 62 hp, \$6500; Kubota, 18 hp, \$2700; 5' scraper blade, \$250. Joe Major, Church Point; (337) 684-6474 or (337) 945-6969.

Belarus 250 AS, \$2500; King Cutter, 5 1/2' plow, 16' discs, \$475; lawn aerator for 3 pt. hookup. K. Cleveland, Church Point; (337) 684-3243.

David Brown 880, needs crankshaft & 1 piston assembly, \$2000. K. McNeal, Deville; (318) 264-9446.

HD 6 M & W disc mower, ready to work, \$1100. Lynn Soileau, Opelousas; (337) 543-7944 or (337) 351-0759.

Pallet fork attachment for trac. front loader, adjustable, \$250. J. L. Williams, Spearsville; (318) 778-3248.

Amco 8-row hipper, 7"x7" bar, new blades, \$2000; IH 490 disc 28', \$2200; IH 1460 combine, spe-

cialty rotor, w/22 ½' header, \$7000; Orthman 8-row cult., w/busters, \$7000. Derek Dauzat, Marksville; (318) 253-5386.

JD 2755, 76 hp, 700 hrs., excel. cond., \$12,700; JD 2040, 40 hp, 1200 hrs., good cond., \$6700. E. J. Hebert, Eunice; (337) 432-5104.

578 NH baler, 5x5, like new, 3 yrs., hardly used, less than 1000 bales, best offer; M-8200 Kubota trac., w/front-end loader, 2 yrs., 4 wd, used 500 hrs., excel. cond., \$26,000. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

1-row riding digger, excel. cond., \$4000; 2-row potato planter, \$1500 nego. Daniel Laborde, Mansura; (318) 964-2902.

Bush Hog brand 3210, 10' cutter, semi-pull, w/all safety equip., 220 hp gearboxes, 1 yr., approx. 15 hrs., excel. shape, \$4250. Myron Mayard, Lake Charles; (337) 274-8405.

1993 Belarus 85 hp trac., c/a, new ac compressor, new air seat, extra parts, \$4800. John Barbara, Jr., St. Rose; (504) 464-9396.

1466 IHC trac., fair to good cond., \$3500; 4' tiller, model A-1360, never used, \$700. D. Ortoland, Evergreen; (318) 346-4303.

DR field & brush mower, 10.5 hp, 26" brush deck, 42" finishing deck, 7 yrs., new battery, \$475. Elton Luke, Folsom; (985) 796-0570.

Rebuilt 4-71 GM engine, complete w/Sentinel shut-down system, tack meter & gauges, 12-volt starter & skid mounts, \$5400. Glenn Gotreaux, Iowa; (337) 582-7363 or (337) 526-3712.

256 NH fluffer rake combo, good running cond., \$800. Clay Pierce, Thibodaux; (985) 447-6100.

Rebuilt 855 Cummins small cam, complete w/safety kill switches, starter, gauges, skid mount & 14" twin disc PTO, \$6500. G. Gotreaux, Iowa; (337) 582-7363 or (337) 526-3712.

Reynolds 5-yard dirt scraper, \$1850; (3) 15' bat-wing cutters, \$850-\$1550. Johnny Byone, Cloutierville; (318) 379-0005.

Wood splitter on wheels, \$900; metal cutting band saw, \$200; old cement mixer on wheels, \$200. Lynwood Wiley, Ferriday; (318) 757-2245.

Cub Cadet 1282, new cond., \$900; 3 pt. hitch forklift, \$700. L. Wiley, Ferriday; (318) 757-2245.

Bush Hog brand bush hog, 12', needs (1) seal repaired, excel. body work, \$1200. Ken Miller, Kentwood; (985) 229-3074.

Coleman light plant 700 W powered by 3 cyl. Kubota engine, diesel, SIPS fuel, mounted on enclosed trailer, \$2500 cash. Stanley Hayes, Grand Cane; (318) 858-6359.

JD 8440 c/a trac., 4 wd, w/front blade, \$18,000; Eddin's grain cart, 350 bushels, PTO drive, \$2000; IH 496 disc, 30', \$3000. Lee Davis, Opelousas; (337) 543-6765.

2000 MF 271, 65 hp trac., w/1036 front-end loader, 72 hrs., new cond., \$19,000, possible trade for newer 35-50 hp trac., w/front-end loader. J. Navratilova, Baton Rouge; (225) 752-7992.

(2) **600-bushel** grain tanks, w/unloading augers, \$1200; Ditch Witch ditching machine, R-40,

w/new engine boring unit, drill pipe, augers & trailer, \$14,500; Mayrath PTO driven grain auger, 6"x35", \$1200. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Case 36" backhoe bucket, \$500. Michel Fox, New Iberia; (337) 369-8020.

12' Int. disc, dual wheels, \$1500. T. Warner, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

8-wheel rake, \$1400; NH rake, \$650; new 6' Rhino bush hog, \$750; 690B JD trackhoe, \$24,500; JD 310C backhoe, \$16,500; JD 450 dozer, \$19,500; Case 80 hp, cab, air, loader, \$12,500; Ford 60 hp, cab, air, \$11,500. W. A. Lucky III, Bossier City; (318) 549-0271.

Minneapolis-Moline, model G-1000, \$4000; 7' Woods bush hog, w/3 pt. hookup, drag-type, \$1200. Freddie Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

Bionic-type grader blades, new 5', \$575; 6', \$660; 7', \$784; 7' commercial, \$1250. Mike Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

Mold Poison's killer, \$250; Pasture Dream planter, \$3250; Bermuda King Spring Harvester, \$6800; Stephens air planter, \$4850; 6' row cult, \$250. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9273.

Ford 3000 diesel trac., \$5000; 5' bush hog, \$500; 5' grader blade, \$200. F. Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

JD diesel model 6-359 turbo, skid-mount, 163 hp, power unit, very clean, safety kill switches, low hrs., many extras, \$6000. J. G. Pousson, Iota; (337) 779-3337.

2 cyl., 20 hp Yanmar trac., \$1800. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-5524.

New Jima 28 hp, 4x4, w/new front-end loader, w/top, \$10,000. Dustin Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

(2) **29x12.00-15** on universal rims for front, \$200. Alice Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

Int. Farmall trac., runs well, tires in good cond., \$2000. V. Sciortino, Hammond; (225) 567-3242.

Sears grass catcher, for 48" mower, model 249870, new, \$250. Cathie Savage, Arnaudville; (337) 662-6066.

10' bush hog, \$1200. Roy Matherne, Houma; (985) 851-7692.

4610 Ford trac., needs trans. work, \$3500; Ford 2000 trac., \$1800. Sonny Masters, Jonesboro; (318) 259-7747.

Deck for Woods belly mower, 59", used, but in good shape, \$75; 5 spindles & pulleys also used, \$50/1. Joe, Hammond; (225) 294-7999.

1997 Ford 5610S, 900 hrs., w/front-end loader, canopy & 6' HD Rhino bush hog, TW 72, \$16,500. Neill Roberts, Slaughter; (225) 654-8447.

3'x7' drag harrow, built on 2 7/8" pipe frame, on 3 pt. hitch, 5" teeth on bottom, good for pens, arenas & dirt work, \$250. Larry Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

Farmall cub, yellow/wh., looks & runs good, \$1650; 6' flail mower, good cond., \$450; 7' MF sickle mower, 3 pt. hitch, \$200; 4' pull-type shredder-field ready,

\$275; 7 ½ hp, 3 phase electric motor, like new, \$50; (8) trailer house axles, some w/brakes, used 1 time, \$600. Harry Miller, Glenmora; (318) 748-4569 or (318) 623-4558.

10' Woods bush hog, \$2000; 14' bush hog brand #3368, \$3500. A. Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

140 Int., w/front plow tools, \$2700; yellow & wh. cub, w/plow tools or belly mower, \$1800; extra cub parts avail. J. Cooper, Jena; (318) 992-2206.

Yellow & wh. cub, \$2100; choice belly mower or plow tools, red cub, w/pan plow, \$800; 5' bush hog, \$400. Skeet Cooper, Jena; (318) 992-2206.

Yanmar YM240, w/loader, \$3000. Scott Dugas, Natchitoches; (318) 354-9971.

HD 6 AC dozer, runs well, burns a little oil, 85% under carriage, new radiator, \$5600 cash; 1 set row makers, \$175; middle buster, \$50. John Soileau, Pine Prairie; (337) 599-3195.

Ford 2600 gas, new paint, w/5' bush hog, w/set of spare blades, \$4500; Int. Cub, low boy, w/45" belly mower, \$2200; '97 F-250, gas, \$5200. James Campbell, Ethel; (225) 978-0632.

Allis Chalmers 200s, '75 & '72 models, 100 hp tracs., both need work, also XT 190 for parts, \$2000. C. Bonin, St. Martinville; (337) 241-4636.

TD 8 Int. dozer, 80% undercarriage, 6-way tilt, \$12,900; Long 2610 trac., 65 hp, new motor, aux. hydraulic hookups, \$10,500. Ronald Picou, French Settlement; (225) 698-9463.

5' heavy-duty bush hog, new deck, good gear box, 3 pt. hitch, \$400. Ambrose Baham, Loranger; (985) 345-3262.

JD 375 rd. baler, makes, 4x5 bales, pull w/50 hp trac., excel. cond., field ready, Dura-Bilt big-wheel rake, caddy-type, hyd. folt, 3 yrs., used little, field ready, \$9000/both, or will separate. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

D7, 17A Cat dozer, w/blade, rear winch, \$10,000 obo; D7, 17A, complete, for parts, \$2500; Komatsu D65 P8, w/towing winch, new undercarriage, \$12,000. D. Myers, Amite; (985) 748-6773.

Wanted: pr. of brackets that attach ridgers to the toolbar of a trac. G. McLin, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-7995.

Wanted: 1560 MF rd. hay baler, for parts. Bobby Trichel, Bossier City; (318) 741-3259.

Wanted: IH Farmall B, restorable or running. Michael, Bunkie; (318) 201-3196.

Wanted: 12' or 14' bush hog. K. Young, Rayne; (337) 981-9891.

Wanted: 3 pt. row maker, for small garden or any more tools for garden trac. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-5524.

Wanted: garden tools, w/3 pt. toolbar, for small garden, within 50 miles of Crowley. Alice Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-5524.

Wanted: 605F or 605G Vermeer rd. hay baler, for parts. Bobby Trichel, Bossier City; (318) 741-3259.

Wanted: AC D-12 gas trac., series III, for parts, 5' pull-type mower, roto-cycle gear box, \$150. Rene Galjour, Larose; (985) 693-3691.

Wanted: Cat 2 quick hitch for 65 hp trac. Chris Douget, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6763.

Wanted: Ford 8-N, in good running cond., w/3 pt. hitch, for attaching a grass cutter. Walter LeBoeuf, Kaplan; (337) 643-2611.

FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

Dodge Ram van 1500, V6, power brakes, power steering, a/c, am/fm, new paint, new tires, hand-icapped access, \$20,000. Larry Common, Gretna; (504) 366-7951 or (504) 427-4256.

2000 Ford F-150 XLT, loaded, very good cond., \$6500. Ronnie Fabacher, Iota; (337) 581-8262.

Bed liner for '97 Chevy, S-10 pickup, excel. cond., \$40. Denise Brister, Alexandria; (318) 445-2584.

1984 Chevy school bus, 360 V-8, Allison trans., top shape, just came off bus route, 6 ½' clearance inside, good for camper, \$2000 or trade for 1-row trac., w/tools or cows. Brenda Gray, Dry Creek; (337) 328-8244.

1998 Dodge 150 single cab, excel. cond., toolbox on back, \$5500. Bernard Leger, Opelousas; (337) 948-9366.

1993 Ford Ranger, 4x4, 147,000 miles, runs good, good brakes & tires, extended cab, auto trans., \$2750. Chris Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 945-4073 or (337) 351-2484.

Dodge dually truck body, new, never used, red, complete w/lights, liner & tailgate, \$1200. Daniel Myers, Amite; (985) 748-6773.

1984 Mazda-B2000 pickup, for parts, \$150. Sidney Mock, West Monroe; (318) 325-3049.

1996 Chevy Cheyenne, ext. cab, 5 spd., runs great, 350 Vortec, towing package, trans. cooler, \$10,000 obo. Ronald Cole, Jr., Basile; (337) 457-0665 or (337) 580-1685.

1994 Ford F-350, crew-cab dually, 7.3 ci turbo diesel, auto, factory Centaurus show truck conversion, loaded, all power, tow package, great cond., \$9995. Joe, Hammond; (225) 294-7999.

(4) **2003 Chevrolet** Silverado truck tires & rims w/6 holes, Goodyear P275/75R16 tires in good shape, \$250. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

1995 Chevy Kodiak, 14 yard dump truck, Cat engine, 8 spd., 488 rears, \$19,500; '90 Int. DT 466 w/15 yard dump bed, 13 spd., \$16,500. John Fell, Scott; (337) 873-6870.

Steel truck body, 8'x22', w/steel roller on back, \$1000; steel body 94"x15', \$500. Freddie Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

2-wheel Gravley surrey, free. Stuart Barris, Frierson; (318) 797-0239.

Fleetneck brand lowboy trailer, 36', w/dovetail & ramp, vacuum/hydraulic hutch suspension, very good shape, \$4500. M. Mayard, Lake Charles; (337) 274-8405.

35' Sundowner 3-horse slant, 12' short wall, living quarters, 3' mid tack, mangers & hay rack, w/rear tack, \$35,000. Sarah Meche, Church Point; (337) 873-4041.

8'x30' storage trailer, w/2 doors, \$1000. Freddie Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

Red '02 Circle W horse trailer, 6'x10', w/removable partition, \$2500. Dominick Costanza, Kenner; (504) 251-2123.

20' tilt-type gooseneck trailer, 20,000 lb. axles, all new tires, new deck, freshly painted, top cond., \$4500. Mike Alleman, Ponchatoula; after 5 p.m. (985) 370-7788.

2005 Ponderosa 2-horse, bumper trailer, slant-load, mats, pads, drop-down windows, full escape gate, spare, wood lining, \$5900 or will for equal value. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

2005 Ponderosa bumper trailer, 2-horse, 10'x6'x6 ½' saddle storage, 3500 lb. axle, \$3288. Celia Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

2005 Ponderosa gooseneck trailer, 16'x6'x6 ½', blue, was \$4388, now \$3988, will trade for equal value. C. Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

8'x28' bumper pull, triple axle, \$600 nego. L. Wiley, Ferriday; (318) 757-2245.

16' gooseneck cattle trailer, \$1600. B. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

20' bumper-pull, lowboy, 6'10" wide, 6000 lb. axles, elec. brakes, loading ramps, like new, \$2800. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

Trail-ride wagon, 4'x8', treated wood, on iron frame, 4 good tires, \$500 or trade for mule or Welsh small horse that pulls single. Tony Stein, Vacherie; (225) 265-8663.

1999 Hibuilt steel, 30 yard dump trailer, 24', 3 axles, elec. tarp, \$19,500; '78 Palmer demo dump trailer, 22', \$3500. John Fell, Scott; (337) 873-6870.

Lowboy, 35-ton, new deck & kingpen, good tires, brakes, '65 Nabors, \$4800. James Bourgeois, Raceland; (985) 537-3750.

(35) **Cotton trailers**, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, for hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail., \$700-\$1650. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

Log splitter, 26-ton gas driven, very little use, \$800 cash. Dan, Loranger; (985) 878-3095.

Horse washer rack, \$50; 14" barrel saddle, blk., in excel. cond., w/accessories, Martha Josie bridle, breast plate & blanket, like new, \$375. D. Fox, New Iberia; (337) 247-4694.

16" Circle Y silver show saddle, like brand new, \$500. Gerald Landry, Jeanerette; (337) 519-1887.

Cattle feed troughs, 4x4, \$175; 4x6, \$200; 4x8, \$225; 4x8 self feeders, \$450; all are built on skids, w/metal tops. S. W. Gourdon, Goldonna; (318) 357-0616.

Corral panels, all 18 gauge, 16' panels, \$64.5/1; 12' panels, \$56/1; 10' panels, \$54/1. Celia Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

10' feed troughs, \$110; 5' feed troughs, \$89; 300-gal. water trough, \$219; 150-gal. water trough, \$129.99; 100-gal. water

trough, \$80-\$100. C. Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

2 3/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 2 7/8", 95¢/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

4" heavy wall pipe, 10'-12' long, \$1.5/ft.; 110 volt shallow-well water pump, motor & tank for WW Grainger, never used, \$200. Keith Matte, Branch; (337) 296-6798.

500-gal. fuel tank, freshly painted, not on skids, \$150. Lawrence Cramer, Branch; (337) 783-4313.

40 kw Kohler generator, w/JD engine, single phase, 1800 hrs., mounted on trailer, w/150-gal. diesel tank, \$13,000; office trailer, 10'x36', 2 offices, kitchenette, rest-room, a/c & heat, \$10,000. Mike Towns, Arcadia; (318) 263-3000.

All kinds of blacksmith tools for sale, power hammer \$2500; forge, \$300; misc tools, \$100/1-up; blacksmith coal, \$25/100 lb. sack. Buddy Leonard, Covington; (985) 892-1137 or (985) 264-4374.

2 7/8" drill pipe, 90¢/ft. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

276# anvil, at least 80 yrs., very good cond., \$475. Doug, Folsom; (985) 796-0570.

15" sq. cut barrel saddle, very good cond., basket weave, w/roughout fenders, silver con-

chos, \$325. V. Ernst, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8637.

30 KW whole-house generator, Stamford Newage commercial duty, PTO drive, 3 pt. hookup, new, in crate, \$3750. Dean Gunter, Lecompte; (318) 776-9235.

Okra cutters, hand operated, \$130/1; larger model, \$160/1. Franklin Courville, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

Galv. corral panels, del. avail., 5'x10', \$45/1 or \$1050/25; 5'x12' heavy-duty, \$65/1 or \$1550/25; 6'x12' extra heavy-duty, \$75/1 or \$1800/25; 100'x200' arena, w/10' gate, \$2650. Billy Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

Galv. rd. pens, 5' tall, all include 4' bow gate, del. avail, 50', \$750; 60', \$850; 6' tall, w/6' gate, \$1080. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

New harness leather martin-gales, w/brass hardware, \$25; alum. grazing bit, w/headstall, \$20; youth stirrups, w/leather to hand on saddle, \$20; green pony blanket, \$25. Larry Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

16" big-shouldered saddle, farm fitter tree, slick out, good cond., 5 yrs., \$600. Lawrence Fontenot, Reeves; (337) 666-2798.

Used steel pipe, LT wall, 4",

\$2/ft.; 6", \$3/ft.; 8", \$4/ft.; 10", \$5/ft.; 12", \$7/ft.; 16", \$10/ft.; 20", \$12/ft.; 24", \$15/ft. Joey or Chris, Port Allen; (800) 340-9428.

New galv. panels, w/mud boots, all include 4' bow gate, 7 bars, 16 gauge, 40' rd. pen, \$730; 50', \$895; 60', \$1115. Michael Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

New saddles & tack, saddles up to 22", roping saddles, \$400/1-up. Patrick Romar, Opelousas; (337) 942-7288.

Simco Western saddle for adult, \$125. Candy Foster, Bush; (985) 892-3881.

Wanted: cypress logs, 8" tops, call between 7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m., M-F. Rockin "C" Sawmill, Pitkin; (318) 634-5518.

Wanted: used tanks or culverts from 5' to 8' x 30'. Susan Harrison, Zachary; (225) 654-9020 or (225) 231-5119.

Wanted: old gristmill or old mill-stones, any size. Richard Eaves, Demopolis, AL; raleaves@email.com or (334) 289-8906.

Wanted: used T-posts, tin, also forklift bars to fit on the front-end loader of a 30 hp trac. Randy Miller, Eunice; (337) 546-6537.

Wanted: small gas welder. Joe, Hammond; (225) 294-7999.

FROM THE FARM

Please include a statement along with your ad indicating how the item has been or can be used on a farm.

Louisiana strawberry & black-berry jam, \$3.99. Charles Anderson, Minden; (318) 377-1009.

Fragranced gel candles, 40 scents to choose from, small jelly jar, \$5/1; large, ½ pint, jar, \$10/1. Terry Huff, Baton Rouge; tbhuff@cox.net or (225) 928-0656.

All natural goat milk soap, very good for your skin, no petroleum or artificial ingredients, various scents available, \$4/1. Melanie Blackmer, Lake Charles; www.hometown.aol.com/pdav-enp913 or (337) 478-2208.

7' barbecue pit, on wheels, w/2 doors & 4 slide-out trays, \$1500. Freddie Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

Wanted: old sugar or syrup ket-tles, any size. Steven, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

2005 Louisiana Christmas Tree Farms

Allen

Grant Christmas Tree Farm & Syrup Mill
318-634-3408
716 Whittaker Rd., midway between DeRidder & Oberlin on Hwy. 377

Avoyelles

Smith's Christmas Tree Farm
318-346-4480 or 318-452-1672
6781 Hwy. 115, Bunkie, 1.4 mi. North Hwy. 29

Beauregard

Clayton Iles Trees
337-328-7362
Hwy. 394, 1 mi. west, Dry Creek

Caddo

Adams Tree Farm
318-686-4770
6391 Buncombe Rd., .7 mi. off Pines Rd.

Shaw Christmas Tree Farm
318-284-3584
Hwy 71, 1 mi. N Ida

Weaver's Tree Farm

318-635-1042
I-20 W, N @ Pines Rd. exit, L @ Jefferson Paige Rd. R @ Jolly Naiper Rd.

Calcasieu

Starks Lions Club Christmas Tree Farm
337-743-6297
426 Green Moore Road, Starks, LA 70661
I-10 exit 4, Hwy 109 N. 8 mi., L on Green Moore, 4 mi. farm is on R

Catahoula

Fletcher & Sons Tree Farm

318-389-5894
FM 921, 3 mi. S Hwy. 15, between Clayton & Sicily Island

Claiborne

Puckett's Christmas Tree Farm
318-343-1545
Hwy. 2, 5 mi. W Bernice, follow signs from downtown Bernice

Concordia

Marie's Trees
318-757-4911
North of Ferriday on Hwy. 15, W on Kentucky Ave., 2 mi. on Doty Rd.

DeSoto

Santa's Woods
318-797-4749
I-49 S to exit 191 Stonewall, E 4 mi on L

East Baton Rouge

Christmas Forest
225-654-3247
Hwy. 964, 4 mi. north of Zachary

Deerland Tree Farm

225-654-4885
Hwy. 64, E of Hwy. 64 & 67

Kringlewood Christmas Tree Farm
225-658-4999

9050 Hwy. 64, 1 1/4 mi. east of Plank Road, Zachary

East Feliciana

Windy Hills Farm
225-683-6828

Hwy 19 N, R on 963, 2 mi. on R

Lafayette

Lisa's Christmas Tree Farm
337-856-5634
W Hwy. 92, L on Marteau Rd.

Lincoln

Beaver's Christmas Tree Farm
318-247-8238
I-20, 4 mi. W of Ruston to Industry exit, N on Hwy. 563, 5 mi. on R

Evergreen Farms

318-251-2669
Hwy. 80, ½ mi. W of Barnett Springs Road

Livingston

Crowder Family Tree Farm
225-665-8726
25110 Juban Road, Denham Springs, LA 70726
Exit I-12, S Denham Springs, L at 4-way stop, L at school, 2 mi. on R

King's Christmas Tree Farm
225-567-9670

James King Rd., 1 mi. W of Albany/Springfield Rd., S of I-12 Exit 32

Ouachita

Pepper Christmas Tree Farm
318-387-5172
From W Monroe, 9 mi. S Hwy. 34, left on Hwy. 557, 2.5 mi. to farm

Precious Memories Tree Farm
318-396-5113

2 mi N I-20 exit 108 Hwy. 15, L 3 mi., R on Glen Acres Rd.

Rapides

A & N Christmas Forest
318-563-4011 or 318-563-4785
From Alexandria, Hwy. 1 S 18 mi to Echo, turn R at Cheneyville Echo Rd or Sandy Lane Rd, ½ mi to stop sign, turn L, 2nd house on right

Milton's Christmas Tree Farm

318-442-0026
Poland Community, 10 mi. SE of Alexandria, off Hwy. 1 on Hwy. 457

Richland

Curry's Christmas Tree Farm
318-728-6203
Hwy. 133, 2 mi. S I-20, 1 mi. east on Robinson Dr., follow signs

Sabine

L & L Christmas Trees
318-645-6988
157 S. Main Street

St. Tammany

Shady Pond Tree Farm
985-863-5569
On Pine Street, off Hwy. 41, near Pearl River, follow signs

Santa's Tree Town

985-892-8340
Hemphill Rd., S Hwy. 1083

Tiger Branch Christmas Trees
504-834-7786 or 985-893-5520
6 mi. N of Covington on Hwy. 25,

turn R at Million Dollar Rd., follow signs

Porter's Christmas Tree Farm
985-641-4321
Hwy. 1090 (Military Road) & Brownswitch Road, NE of Slidell

Country Pines

985-893-2036
Jim Sharp Rd., E Hwy. 437

Treeland of Slidell

985-641-0249
Northshore Square Mall Shopping Center, Hwy. 190 W & Northshore Blvd. or Exit 80 I-12 (Airport Road-Northshore Blvd.)

Tensas

Barfield Tree Farm
318-467-5532
Hwy. 4, 3.5 mi. W Hwy. 65

Vermilion

Vincent's Christmas Tree Farm
337-643-6380
NE of Kaplan on Hwy. 700, 2 mi. N Hwy. 35

Vernon

Sander's Christmas Tree Farm
337-565-3152
Hwy. 171 & Westbrook Rd., ½ mi. S Hornbeck

Washington

Kennedy's Christmas Tree Farm
985-848-2782
Hwy. 438, 1 mi. W of Hwy. 62, follow signs near Pine HS

Webster

Hollis Tree Farm
318-371-0530
From Minden, 2 mi U.S. Hwy. 79, L Miller Rd, go 3 mi.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Fairs & Festivals around the state: Louisiana Renaissance Festival, Robert, Nov. 5-Dec. 11 (weekends); Port Barre Cracklin Festival, Port Barre, Nov. 10-13; Westwego Fest, Westwego, Nov. 11-13; Thibodauxville Fall Festival, Thibodaux, Nov. 12; Destrehan Plantation Fall Festival, Destrehan, Nov. 12-13; Claiborne Christmas Festival, Homer, Nov. 26.

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Questions about circulation or lost bulletins?

Contact the
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Hay For Sale?

If you have hay for sale and would like to be listed in the **Market News Hay Directory**, complete the information on the form below and return no later than Nov. 25 to Market News, Attention: Marilyn Mayeux, P.O. Box 3334, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3334.

Name: _____

Complete Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Parish: _____

Telephone: hm () _____ wk () _____

Bale type (check one or both) rd. _____ sq. _____

Hay condition: excellent — good — fair — poor —

Comments: _____



Sweet Potato Recipes*

*Source www.sweetpotato.org

Savory Sweet Potato Biscuits

1 (15 oz.) can sweet potatoes (yams), drained and mashed or 1 cup fresh sweet potatoes, cooked and mashed	1 tbsp. parsley flakes
4 cups all-purpose baking mix	1 tsp. Chef Paul Prudhomme's Poultry Magic
	3/4 cup skim milk
	3 tbsp. margarine, softened

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. In a large bowl, mix the mashed yams with the baking mix, parsley and Poultry Magic. Add milk and margarine to the mixture, stirring until blended. Roll on floured surface to 1-inch thickness. Cut with a 2-inch cutter or a glass and place on baking sheet. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 20 biscuits.

Ham & Sweet Potato Pot Pie

Part I

1 cup chopped onion
2 cups cubed sweet potatoes or 2 (15-ounce) cans sweet potatoes, drained and cubed
2 cups canned chicken broth, divided
1/2 cup all purpose flour
1 cup skim milk
2 cups cubed cooked ham
1 9-inch refrigerated pie crust
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans

Ham & Sweet Potato Pot Pie

Part II

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large pot coated with nonstick cooking spray, sauté the onion over a medium high heat for 5 minutes. Add fresh sweet potatoes and 2/3 cup chicken broth. Bring mixture to a boil and simmer over medium heat for 10 to 15 minutes or until sweet potatoes are tender. (If using canned yams, add them and 2/3 cup chicken broth to sautéed onions; heat thoroughly.) Add flour, stirring and gradually adding milk, continue stirring until combined well. Add ham, bring to a boil and then transfer mixture to a 9x9-inch baking dish coated with nonstick cooking spray. If mixture is too thick, add more broth or milk. Unfold crust and sprinkle pecans on one side, fold, and roll with rolling pin pressing pecans into crust. Spread pecan crust on top of mixture and bake for 30 minutes or until crust is brown.

Sweet Potato Fries

4 sweet potatoes (yams)

1/4 cup olive oil
Salt to taste

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cut sweet potatoes into 1/2-inch thick lengthwise strips and toss with olive oil. Coat a baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray and arrange potatoes on baking sheets. Bake potatoes for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown on bottom. Turn potatoes over and bake about 15-20 minutes or until golden brown all over. Sprinkle with salt and serve. Makes 4-6 servings.

Bourbon Mashed Sweet Potatoes

4 cups fresh sweet potatoes (yams), cooked and mashed (about 3 1/2 lbs.) or 2 (32-ounce) cans sweet potatoes, drained and mashed
1/3 cup light brown sugar

1/2 tsp. Chef Paul Prudhomme's Vegetable Magic
1/4 cup evaporated milk
2 tbsp. margarine, melted
1 tsp. bourbon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place all ingredients in mixing bowl and blend until creamy. Transfer to a baking dish and bake for 15 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Makes 10 servings.

Coming Your Way

Silver Spur Riders Club has changed the date and location of its November show due to hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The show has been rescheduled for 8 a.m. Nov. 13 at the West Calcasieu Arena in Sulphur.

Classes include English, halter, judged Western and speed events.

Stalls, hookups and concessions available.

For more information, contact Renee Jordan at (337) 855-3279.

La. Meat Goat Association will host its annual fall general membership meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 11 at Ryan's in DeRidder.

The meal is provided by LMGA.

A goat show will be held at 8 a.m. Nov. 12 at the Beauregard Parish Fairgrounds. Classes include market, breeding, commercial and AOB.

There will also be a "dress your goat" contest during the show.

For more information, contact Judy Ansetta at (337) 463-6925 or Sandy Odom at (337) 238-0224.

The 11th Annual East Texas Fall Spectacular Sale and 9th Annual Ranch Horse Competition will be held Nov. 25-27 at the George H. Henderson Jr. Expo Center in Lufkin, Texas.

The Ranch Horse Competition will begin at 3:30 p.m. Friday with \$6,000 cash and prizes available for winners.

Sales will be held Friday night, Saturday morning and Sunday morning.

For more information, visit the Web site www.havardsales.com or call (936)634-5217.

The 44th Annual La. Beekeepers Association Convention will be held Dec. 2-3 at the Best Western Hotel Acadiana and Conference Center in Lafayette.

Information will be available on beekeeping basics, honeybee research, pest management and other bee-related topics.

Rooms are being held for the group at a special rate. Contact the hotel by Nov. 15 and mention the beekeepers to get the rate.

A \$10 reservation fee is required to attend.

For more information, contact Billy Hummer at (318) 742-3541, Sharon Hebert at (337) 937-6722 or Jimmy Dunkley at (225) 952-8100.

Coushatta's first Christmas trail ride and horse parade will begin at 10 a.m. Dec. 10 at the Coushatta Arena.

The contests and judging will begin at 4:30 p.m. with contests for Best Decorated Horse and Rider and Best Decorated Horse and Wagon. The parade will begin at 5 p.m.

No motorized vehicles will be allowed in the parade.

For more information, contact Jamie Barlow at (318) 932-4312 or (318) 932-5736, or Mack Parson at (318) 871-6471.

Don Knapp, a three-star natural horsemanship instructor, will offer a clinic Dec. 10-13 at the SugArena in New Iberia.

Knapp is certified to assess levels one and two and to teach levels one, two and three.

Cost to attend is \$400 for two days or \$500 for three days.

Auditor tickets are also available at a cost of \$25 for one day, \$40 for two days or \$60 for three days. Admission is free for supervised children, 4-H members and SugArena volunteers with ID.

For more information, contact Cathe Charlier at (337) 857-0297 or ccharlier@cox-internet.com.

High Delta Exotics offers safari park wagon tours the first Sunday of every month at 362 Pickett Lane in Delhi.

The cost is \$15 and a barbecue lunch is also served.

For more information, call 1-888-244-3319.

Johnson & Wales University is sponsoring a recipe contest for high school seniors.

The food service and hospitality school will award nearly \$80,000 in scholarships to the winners.

Recipes must be postmarked by Jan. 9, 2006.

A "Taster of the States" recipe category is available. Students must include at least one recipe ingredient that is indigenous to their state or region of the country to compete in this category.

For more information, visit the Web site www.jwu.edu.

Southern University 63rd Annual State Livestock and 15th Annual State Market Goat Show

The Southern University livestock and goat shows will be held March 2-4, 2006, at the M.A. Edmond Livestock Arena next to Jetson Correctional.

Animal possession dates and entry form due dates are as follows:

Division	Possession Date	Entry Date
Market lambs	Oct. 1, 2005	Nov. 1, 2005
Market goats	Nov. 30, 2005	Dec. 15, 2005
Market hogs	Dec. 15, 2005	Dec. 30, 2005
Beef breeding	Nov. 30, 2005	Dec. 30, 2005
Dairy	Nov. 30, 2005	Dec. 30, 2005
Poultry (broilers only)*	Jan. 28, 2006	Jan. 28, 2006

For more information, contact Christie Monroe at (225) 771-3510 or (225) 771-2242 ext. 328.

*All broilers must be ordered through the Southern University Livestock Show Office. Order forms must be returned by Dec. 10.

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and Sandy developed a customized arm protector made from a leather work glove and pants leg from a pair of overalls. The glove is attached with Velcro to the pants leg which serves as a sleeve. Curry wears the sleeve over his arm during trimming time to keep his skin free of cuts and scratches from the bristly evergreens.

Somewhere along the way the Currys began to allow school field trips to visit the tree farm.

"A teacher called Sandy and asked if they could come out to the Christmas tree farm years ago," Curry said.

"Now we get nearly 4,000 kids through the farm between Nov. 1 and Thanksgiving."

Curry is thankful his father lived long enough to see how happy the children were when they visited the farm.

"We didn't know, but the tree farm is like a forest to a 5-year-old," Curry reminisced.

"My dad got to see that. He loved kids and it was a real hoot for him to see the kids out playing."

Now the Currys want to develop the field trip concept into a money-making proposition that will help them combat ever-increasing input costs for gas, diesel and fertilizer. To make a visit to the Christmas tree farm more fun for the kids, Curry planted a two-acre corn maze as an added attraction.

His first effort at building the corn maze was a lot like his first try at planting Christmas trees. It was trial and error, er, make that more error than trial.

"I waited until the corn was tasseling before I went to cut the maze," Curry said. "By then the crop was too tall to see how to make the alleys."

He laughed at his mistake. "I wanted to

make a Christmas tree and duck head design. I settled for a Christmas tree and a box maze."

Because of the lack of rain in Louisiana this year, the Currys were lucky to have a corn crop at all. Throw in a couple of hurricanes and they are doubly fortunate the corn is still standing.

"Rita was the only rain we got all summer," Curry said. "It flattened some of the maze."

In addition to the corn maze, the Currys have also set up a hay maze, climbing tree and hayride to add value to the \$3-a-head charge.

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry is doing its part to help Christmas tree farmers by posting a listing of known choose-and-cut Christmas tree farms on the department's Web site and also in this issue of the Market Bulletin.

"The Web site and the Bulletin are a great source for families who want to spend time in the country cutting their own Christmas tree," Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said. "We have a marketing specialist who works with the industry to promote Louisiana trees and every year we publish the list and provide it to local media. Any tree farmer whose name doesn't appear on the list should contact the department to make sure they're included next year."

By late October, with the selling season fast approaching, rows of beautiful green Leyland cypress, Blue Sapphire and Virginia pine trees await pricing and the final cosmetic appliances. The Currys are justifiably proud of their crop.

"Before my mother passed away, we were selling about 400 trees a year," Curry said. "She could see the trees from her kitchen window. She'd say, 'That is really pretty and it's just pretty all year long.'"

Apparently changing the old cotton field to the new Christmas tree farm was the right thing to do.

For more information call Curry's



Bentley and Sandy Curry (left). Taylor Woodard runs through the Curry's corn maze (above). Curry planted a corn maze and other agritainment features for the 2005 Christmas season. Cody Skains, George Word, Garrett Morgan, Tyler Woodard, Corey Gilbert, Taylor Woodard, Hannah Meloche, Carly Meloche, Ellainey Colvin, Jaine Hable and Natalie Foster enjoyed a hay ride through the Curry Christmas Tree Farm.



Christmas Tree Farm at (318) 728-6203 or visit them at 548 Robinson Drive, Rayville, 71269. Curry's Christmas Tree Farm provides shaking, stands, flocking, saws, tours and bathrooms.

Directions: From I-20 east of Monroe, take the Start/Columbia exit south on La. 133 and drive about two miles to Robinson Drive. Turn left and drive about 1 mile to Curry's Tree Farm.

Visit your local farmers market

ALLEN PARISH

Oakdale
Oakdale Farmers Market
Hwy. 165 btwn. 6th & 7th aves.
Sat. 7 a.m. until sold out
June-July

BIENVILLE PARISH

Gibbsland
Gibbsland Farmers Market Assoc.
Main Street
Wed. & Sat. 7 a.m.
until sold out
June - Oct.

CADDO PARISH

Shreveport
Festival Plaza Farmers Market
river front at Festival Plaza
Wed. & Sat. 6:00 - 11 a.m.
June 5-July 31
Sat. only Aug. 1-28

CALCASIEU PARISH

Lake Charles
Charlestown Farmers Market
1001 Ryan Street
Sat. 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Dates TBA

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

Baton Rouge
Red Stick Farmers Market #1
On Fifth St. near Main & Galvez
Parking Garage
Sat. 8 a.m.- noon.
Jan.-Dec.
Red Stick Farmers Market #2
8470 Goodwood Blvd.
Unitarian Church Parking Lot
Tues. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
May-July & Sept. - Dec.

EVANGELINE PARISH

Ville Platte Farmers Market
11 East Main Street
Fri. 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Summer schedule TBA

IBERIA PARISH

New Iberia
Teche Area Farmers Market
Iberia St. & Main St.
Tues. 4 - 7 p.m.
Sat. 7 - 10:30 a.m.
year round

LAFAYETTE PARISH

Lafayette
Acadiana Farmers Market
801 Foreman Dr. & Dulles St.
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.

5 - 10 a.m.
Jan. - Dec.
Lafayette
City Garden Market
River Ranch
Sat. 8 a.m. - noon
year round

LAFOURCHE PARISH

Thibodaux
Thibodaux Main Street Market
310 West 2nd Street
Sat. 7 - 11 a.m.
April-July & Sept.-Dec.

MADISON PARISH

Tallulah
Tallulah Farmers Market
408 N. Cedar St., Hwy. 165
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
8 a.m. - noon, May-Nov.

NATCHITOCHE PARISH

Natchitoches
Cane River Green Market
Cane River Bank
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
April - Nov. 15

ORLEANS PARISH

New Orleans
Crescent City Farmers Market
Locations:
#1-700 Magazine St. & Girod St.
Saturday 8 a.m. - noon
Jan. - Dec.
#2 - Uptown Square, 200
Broadway
Tues. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.

#3 - French Market Place &
Governor Nicholls
Wed. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.

#4 - American Can Parking Lot
3700 Orleans Ave.
Thurs. 3 p.m.-7 p.m., year round

OUACHITA PARISH

Monroe
Monroe Farmers Market
1212 Washington St.
Mon. - Sat.
6 a.m. - 1 p.m.
June - Aug. 20
West Monroe
West Monroe Farmers Market
1700 North 7th St.
Mon. - Sat.
6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

ST. LANDRY PARISH

Opelousas
St. Landry Farmers Market
952 East Landry St., Hwy. 90
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
6 a.m. - 11 a.m., Jan.-Dec.

ST. MARTIN PARISH

St. Martinville
St. Martinville Creole Farmers
Market
Evangeline Blvd. & Main St.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 12:30, May-Dec.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH

Covington
Covington Farmers Market
City Hall, 609 North Columbia
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Wed. noon - 4 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.

Mandeville

Mandeville Trailhead Community
Market
675 Lafitte St.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TANGIPAHOA PARISH

Hammond
Cate Square Farmers Market
Charles St. & Oak St.
Sat. 9 a.m. - noon, Jan. - Dec.

TERREBONNE PARISH

Houma
Cajun Farmers Market of Houma
- Terrebonne
Tunnel Blvd. & Naquin St.
Mon. - Sat.
6 a.m. - 6 p.m., Jan. - Dec.

WASHINGTON PARISH

Bogalusa
Bogalusa Farmers Market
500 Block of Columbia St.
Sat., 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Jun. - Oct. 2

WEST FELICIANA PARISH

St. Francisville
St. Francisville Farmers Market
agricultural pavilion (4-H Barn)
Wilcox St.
Thurs. 1:30-5:30 p.m., May-Nov.

WINN PARISH

Winnfield
Winn Farmers Market
301 West Main & St. John St.
Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 7 - 10 a.m.
June & July
Thurs. 7 - 10 a.m., Aug. - Nov.

ADVERTISING DEADLINES

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Jan. 5 issue: Deadline Thurs., Dec. 15, noon
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Prices for week ending 10/28/05
CATTLE PRICES FROM PRESENT AND PAST

	This Week	Last Year	Five Years Ago
Slaughter Cows Utility	\$43.00	\$50.50	\$36.75
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44 DAYS

Louisiana Christmas tree farmers are ready for the busy season ahead

until Christmas

By Sam Irwin

It seems the Christmas season starts earlier every year. On Nov. 1, when Louisiana afternoons can still be balmy, mass merchandisers have priced leftover Halloween candies and decorations to move, and holiday tinsel, gift wrap and toys fill the shelves weeks before Thanksgiving.

But the big stores have nothing on Bentley and Sandy Curry of Richland Parish. Bentley begins trimming their trees in April and with good reason. The Currys are Louisiana Christmas tree farmers.

With more than 12,000 trees on his 17-acre plot in the Start community of northeast Louisiana, Curry likes to get busy almost as soon as the last present has been opened. He starts as many as 1,000 trees in the late winter to replace trees sold during the Christmas rush, but explained that seedling growers are in recovery mode after the grueling commercial holiday season.

"Most of the seedling suppliers are tree growers and they like to take a few days off after the rush, but I'd plant my seedlings by the end of December if I could get them in," he admitted. "But we try to have everything planted and in the ground by the end of February."

Now with more than 20 years of experience in the Christmas tree business, Curry and his wife Sandy have planted, nurtured and trimmed what they think is their finest crop to date.

They've come a long way since they took their old family cotton field out of cotton production and committed the sacrilege of planting Christmas trees in 1981.

"This land has been in my family since Civil War days," Curry said. "My mother dead liked to flip. She said, 'Good grace alive, what are you going to do?' I said, 'we're going to plant Christmas trees.' My parents could not believe it. We had always grown cotton."

But Bentley, a professional agricultural consultant, and Sandy, newly armed with her mid-life ornamental and turf grass horticulture degree from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, were positive

the Christmas tree farm idea was workable and the best way to make money from the small field.

Their first selling season didn't do much to convince Mom.

"We sold 35 trees out of a thousand in that first crop," Curry said. "They were the ugliest things. As we look back at photographs, I don't know why we sold 35. They were horrible."

After 24 years of experience, the Currys have learned a thing or two about Christmas trees and found sometimes the old-fashioned ways are best.

"We've tried a lot of different ways to plant trees," Curry said. "But the post hole digger is about the best tool."

"I've got a gas-powered hogger to dig the planting holes, but it tends to seal the side of the soil and it's like putting a tree down in a pot."

One technical innovation Curry does like is the gas-powered Saje tree shearer. Christmas trees, if left to their own growing pattern, do not naturally grow into a perfect conical Christmas tree shape. Some will be too bushy while others will develop into something resembling a cylinder if left unat-

tended. So at least once a year, tree growers must shape their trees, even if the plants are only one year old.

Weighing 38 pounds, the Saje power pack is carried backpack-style by the human operator while a long eight-foot reciprocating cutting blade is guided by a bicycle-style handlebar and gearbox. It almost looks like something out of a James Bond movie, but the cutter gives Curry a practical tree-shaping tool that allows him to trim his 12,000 trees in a three-week period.

Before the development of the Saje trimmer, tree farmers used a variety of shearing knives. The thin knives resemble samurai swords in that they have sleek blades and handles. Curry still has his old shearing knives and uses them occasionally to trim thick, low-hanging branches from his crop.

Sometimes necessity is the mother of invention *See Christmas trees, page 10*



Bentley Curry shapes one of his 12,000 Christmas trees in March with a Saje tree shearer (above). He holds the self-sharpening blade with the customized glove/sleeve arm protector his wife, Sandy, made for him (below). Curry normally completes his new plantings by the end of February.

